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FRED NARDI

Fred Nardi's Legacy Deeply Rooted In Community Service

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

He's remembered by his friends as someone who went from the loading docks to the top of the corporate ladder, never forgetting where he had come from, never too busy to extend a helping hand to anyone in need.

His political allies and rivals recall his decades of public service to the town and his love for the town that knew no precinct boundaries, even in the days of precinct representation.

Some say a political era ended with the death of Frederick Nardi, who died at his North Street home last Thursday morning.

A lifelong resident of Agawam, the 77-year-old Nardi served in the Marine Corps during World War II in the Pacific theater with the allied occupation forces in Japan, and as a member of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's honor guard.

After the war, Nardi was among the young men who returned to small towns across the country to make a name for themselves in business, raise their families, and dedicate their time and talent to making lasting contributions for the betterment of their communities.

In 1947, Nardi began his career at Sweet Life Foods Corp. as a truck driver. By the time he retired in 1989, Nardi had risen through the ranks to become the senior vice president of sales and marketing.

Forever Loyal To Friends & Community

Despite his rise to the top, Nardi never forgot his ties to North Agawam, getting dozens of friends and acquaintances jobs at Sweet Life, delivering food baskets to the needy, and donating treats for town-sponsored Halloween parties for school children, according to his lifelong friend, Town Council Vice President Edward Caba.

"It was automatic. All we had to do was call Fred and tell him about the plight of some family. He'd make sure they got food baskets and many times he'd get them a job," Caba said.

Town Clerk Richard Theroux, who served with Nardi as a town councilor, said his friend of 25 years "came from a generation to be respected and emulated. They knew what was right and they

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Police Dept. Again Slates Citizen's Academy

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Town residents or business owners interested in attending the Police Department's fourth Citizen's Police Academy can pick up an application at the Police Station on Springfield Street.

The academy will be held on 10 consecutive Tuesdays from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., in the Police Station's Community Room beginning September 30th.

The class is limited to 15 participants, and the application deadline is September 23rd.

Safety Officer (Sergeant) Steven Draghetti said the department has gotten such an overwhelmingly positive response from everyone involved with the civilian academy, that the classes will be offered twice a year (in the fall and in the spring), as long as the public is interested.

Since the inception of the program, Draghetti said he has noticed improved morale on the part of the officers who teach the classes.

"It's given the officers a chance to meet with people and discuss their work in a positive way, and they can see that the people do appreciate the work we do," Draghetti said.

Classes Have Been An Eye-Opener...

Besides giving the officers an opportunity to interact with people in situations not brought about by crime or crisis, the classes have been an eye-opener for the public in terms of debunking some of the myths about police arrest powers.

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Long-Time Kennedy Supporter Looking For Gov. Candidate

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Two weeks from now, he had expected to travel to Cape Cod for a high level campaign strategy planning session to put a Democrat in the governor's chair in 1999.

But, U.S. Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy's surprise withdrawal from the race leaves the Western Massachusetts coordinators of the congressman's campaign wondering where to throw their support.

A 40-year member of the Democratic Town Committee (10 years in West Springfield, 30 years in Agawam), former Town Treasurer/Collector Rudy Altobelli said he and the other members of the congressman's coordinating team are adopting a wait and see attitude before they sign on with another Democratic challenger.

"I'm leaning toward (Attorney General L. Scott) Harshbarger at this point," Altobelli said. "I haven't made a decision as yet. I'm looking to Joe Kennedy for some direction on support for another candidate."

After months of news stories focusing on Kennedy's treatment of his ex-wife and his brother's alleged sexual relationship with an underage babysitter, Kennedy announced he would not seek the governor's office at a press conference last week.

Kennedy said he had wanted to campaign for governor on the issues of affordable health care, better education, and aid to the poor, but attention has continued to focus on personal and family problems.

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LONG-TIME KENNEDY FAMILY SUPPORTER Rudy Altobelli of Mill Street is pictured with U.S. Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy at the recent State Democratic Convention in Worcester.

POLICE ACADEMY - from Page 1...

"People who think we can just arrest anybody for anything are surprised to learn about the limitations we are working under," Draghetti said.

The 10-week course gives people in the community an opportunity to talk with the officers, exchange ideas, and open up the lines of communication with the police officers.

In addition to participating in classroom discussions, academy members will tour the police station and the Western Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Center on South Westfield Street.

The classes will cover every aspect of police work from the dispatch desk to the investigative process used at crime scenes and will include topics like juvenile issues, use of force and officer safety, patrol procedures, and crime prevention strategies.

The class is open to town residents and business owners; applicants must be over 18 years of age. All applicants will be subjected to a basic background check, Draghetti said.

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just did it. They came home from the war. They did their jobs. They married their sweethearts and stayed with them. They raised their children and they changed the town."

Nardi served as chairman of the Board of Selectmen for three years before being elected to eight terms as a town councilor when the town changed to the town manager/town council form of government in 1971. He served on the council until 1989 when he ran unsuccessfully in the town's first mayoral election.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson remembered his one-time political rival as "a person who had a lot of class."

"Fred was a person who cared very deeply about Agawam and he'll be missed by the people of this town," Johnson said. "He did an awful lot for Agawam."

Johnson said the first mayoral campaign came on the heels of a hotly contested primary election in which a field of seven candidates all were determined to win.

"It was the hardest fought election I've gone through," Johnson said. "But, when the election was over, Fred Nardi was nothing but supportive and helpful to me in any way he could. Anything he could do to be helpful to the town, he did."

Reminiscing about the last few years the town was under the town meeting form of government, Caba said he was frequently sent by Nardi to round up enough town meeting members to make a quorum so that they could get on with conducting the town's business.

"He'd send me down to the bowling alley," Caba said. "It was bowling night for the town commercial league and we could be sure of getting enough town meeting members there for a

quorum," Caba said.

Caba said the disinterest of town meeting members eventually led to the town adopting the manager form of government. But, the lack of commitment to doing the town's business never extended to Nardi.

"He wasn't a selectman only on Monday nights. He considered it an everyday thing," Caba said. "His favorite spot was The Patch (a section of North Agawam on the Westfield River). But, the whole town was his interest. Any project that needed to be done in town, like sewers and sidewalks, he'd be working behind the scenes to make sure it was taken care of."

"...A Golden Individual.."

Friends since their boyhood days working on the tobacco farms, Caba remembered Nardi as a "golden individual" who made it from the bottom straight to the top on his own merits.

"He was a terrific guy who always looked out for the underdog," Caba said.

In addition to serving the town in elective offices, Nardi served on the Board of Health, the Police Commission, and state Welfare Board. He was a graduate of Agawam High School.

After his retirement, he worked as a consultant for All For A Dollar and International Trading and Wholesale Corp.

A member of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, Nardi leaves behind his wife of 53 years, the former Dorothea E. Atwood; a son, Dean Atwood Nardi of Suffield; a daughter, Dawn L. Nardi of Feeding Hills; three brothers, Dolpho of Holyoke, and Raymond and Armando of Agawam; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held yesterday. The burial was at Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, or to any other charity.

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PLANNING BOARD**

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 18, 1997 at 7:30 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board for a proposed ordinance to amend the Agawam Zoning Ordinance to provide for a moratorium on wireless communication facilities and to amend Chapter 180, Article I, General Provisions, Section 180-2, Definitions and Word Usage and Section 180-8, Supplementary Regulations. A copy of the proposed zoning amendment can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office.

BY ORDER OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman

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BOARD OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1997, at 6:30 P.M. for all parties interested in the

appeal of the AGAWAM HOUSING AUTHORITY which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction and placement of a storage shed at the premises identified as: 886 MAIN STREET.

Ronald A. Hebert
Chairman

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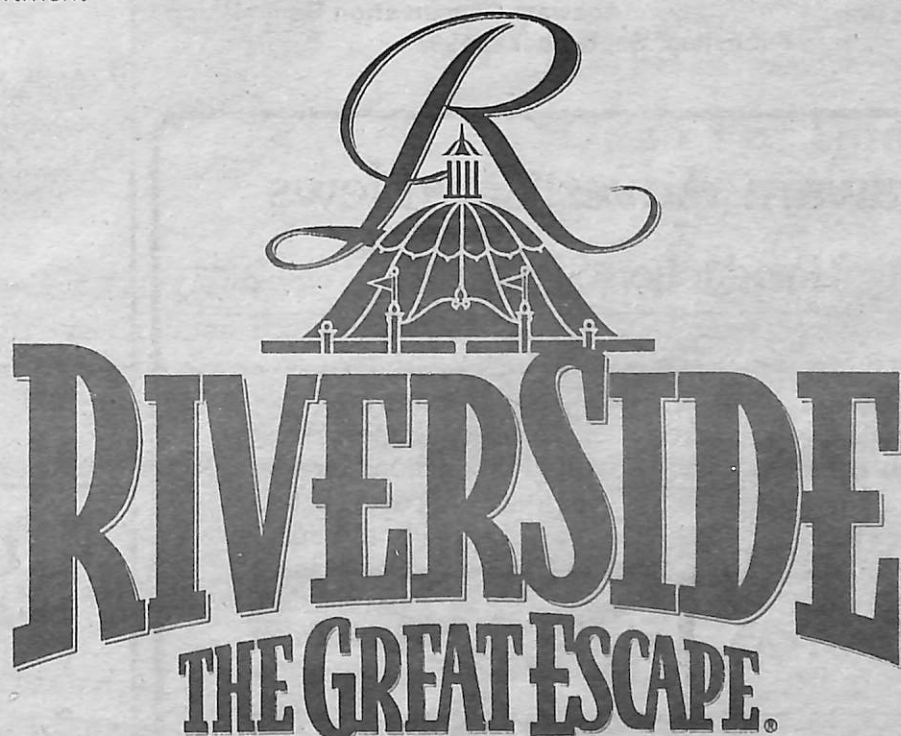
The staff of Riverside Amusement Park would like to take this opportunity to give our sincere thanks and appreciation to the numerous Contractors, Laborers, Carpenters, Plumbers, Electricians, Landscapers and Masons that joined the family of over 2000 Riverside employees during the \$30 million upgrade of Riverside Amusement Park during the Spring and Summer of 1997. We thoroughly enjoyed working with you and admire on a daily basis the quality craftsmanship and attention to detail you brought to Riverside. Riverside belongs to a family of 11 other Amusement Parks, and as other Premier Parks personnel made their way through Riverside Park we heard the comment over and over about the skill and quality of craftsmanship the Agawam, Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut area offered. We are as proud of the work as the workers are. As we continue the upgrade of Riverside Amusement Park into the Fall and 1998, we feel fortunate to have such a high quality of skilled people available to aid us. We list below many of the people that have contributed to the upgrade of Riverside this year and want to take this opportunity around the Labor Day Holiday to thank them for all their hard work and effort. We invite you to do the same and to also come out and see the quality work at Riverside. We join the contractors in the belief that...

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Letters To The Editor

Resident Says Thanks For Summer Entertainment Series

To The Editor:

A public THANK YOU to the Agawam Cultural Council and the Agawam Rotary Club, along with the corporate sponsors who provided the Summer Entertainment Series at the Veterans' Green during July and August.

It was well-attended and enjoyed by people of all ages. It gave us a "Norman Rockwell Americana" feeling!

We hope it can be a reality again next summer.

Sincerely,
Jean M. Clifford
Agawam

There Is A Price To Pay For Business Expansion

To The Editor:

This summer, Main Street in Agawam has been congested by traffic several times as people travel to attend events at the newly expanded Riverside Park.

Recently the mayor and park management met with Suffield officials concerning the removal of a sign on I-91 that directed traffic through Suffield as the best way to get to Riverside. Suffield selectmen asked that the sign be removed when they discovered that Riverside would be expanding.

The argument of Agawam's mayor and park representatives was that since one-third of the park's attendance is from Connecticut citizens, Suffield should help handle the traffic flow and the sign should be restored.

Unfortunately for Agawam, it doesn't work that way. The problem narrows down to one basic issue; Suffield has its act together, Agawam doesn't. Suffield is a rural, predominately residential town with little commercial and industrial development.

Its residents like and want to keep it that way. Agawam is a town with erratic zoning dating to the 1950's, which it has made no real effort to change. Thus, the town attracts everything from small businesses to power plants. The mayor

claims that non-residential development is needed to complement the tax base. Such development brings consequences as well as benefits.

Suffield receives no tax revenue from Riverside and has no obligation to help deal with problems resulting from the park's expansion. Those problems are the responsibility of the Town of Agawam.

If Agawam wants business expansion, there will be a price to pay. The town's character will continue to change and it will be forced to deal with problems associated with more urban areas. You can't have it both ways.

David DeVivo
Agawam

Agawam Resident Addresses Rep. Murphy's Comments

Representative Dennis Murphy
Mass. House of Representatives
State House
Boston, MA 02133

To The Editor:

Dear Rep. Murphy:

When I regrettably read in the latest *Springfield Advocate* of your contempt for the citizens of Agawam, I was not only shocked and astonished, but also thoroughly nauseated by your latest uncalled-for shenanigans.

The fact that you cannot, in any way, be held accountable by the Town you hope to harm is what I find most infuriating. I guess I will have to hold my very own public officials accountable for stopping you.

The DPU hasn't stopped Berkshire Power dead in its tracks. We, the people of Agawam, have -because we like having clean air to breathe, and enjoy having a water supply. Your despite for the will of Agawam surprises me. You do not happen to live in this Town, and you should therefore have no role in it.

The problem with DPU happens not to be the roadblocks of your delusions, but its entirely too cozy relationship with utilities. If the DPU must be changed, then it must be stripped of its capacity to run roughshod over local zoning laws.

I believe I speak for most residents in suggesting that we would rather have you respect democratic principles and defend our zoning laws.

If you must interfere with local issues in the Town of Agawam, the proper response for you would be: sponsor legislation enforcing our zoning laws - thusly ridding us of this terrible menace forever.

For this Town has already spoken, in fact, through those zoning laws. What the Town has said is that this power plant is illegal and unwanted.

Sincerely,
Owen Broadhurst
Agawam

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Kennedy said, "You have to be realistic about the fact that people are very angry at members of my family, and me in particular, and I accept responsibility for that."

Although Kennedy's announcement came as a shock, Altobelli said he had seen the signs that the congressman had lost the support of women voters in June at the State Democratic Convention.

Reaction To Kennedy's Apology...

Altobelli said reaction to Kennedy's apology for his own behavior and for his brother was split along gender lines at the convention.

"The men gave him a standing ovation, but the women seemed to indicate they were upset over the connotation that he had bullied his wife to get an annulment to their (12-year) marriage," Altobelli said. "I think he withdrew because he would never have gotten the support of the women voters."

A Kennedy supporter since John F. Kennedy ran for president, Altobelli has worked on all of Senator Edward M. Kennedy's campaigns and had been looking forward to working on a Kennedy campaign for governor.

"I thought he'd win the Democratic primary, but it would have been a difficult race in the general election," Altobelli said.

Altobelli said he thought Kennedy could have risen above the scandal created by his brother. But, the fallout from the book written by his ex-wife on their divorce in 1991 and his subsequent attempts to have their marriage annulled, coupled with other family issues, was too heavy a burden for Kennedy to overcome, according to Altobelli.

Altobelli was appointed to the post of town treasurer/collector in 1985 by former Town Manager Reid Charles. Prior to that appointment, Altobelli had been a teacher in the Business Department of Agawam High School for 35 years. He retired in 1992.

He resides on Mill Street with his wife, Peg.

Please remember that our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you!

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Monday, September 8th
Catholic Women's Club of
Agawam (Meeting and Silver Tea)
At St. John's Parish Ctr., 833 Main St., Agawam
8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 9th
Holy Rosary Society meeting (includes Mass, installation of officers, & "pot luck" supper)
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By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
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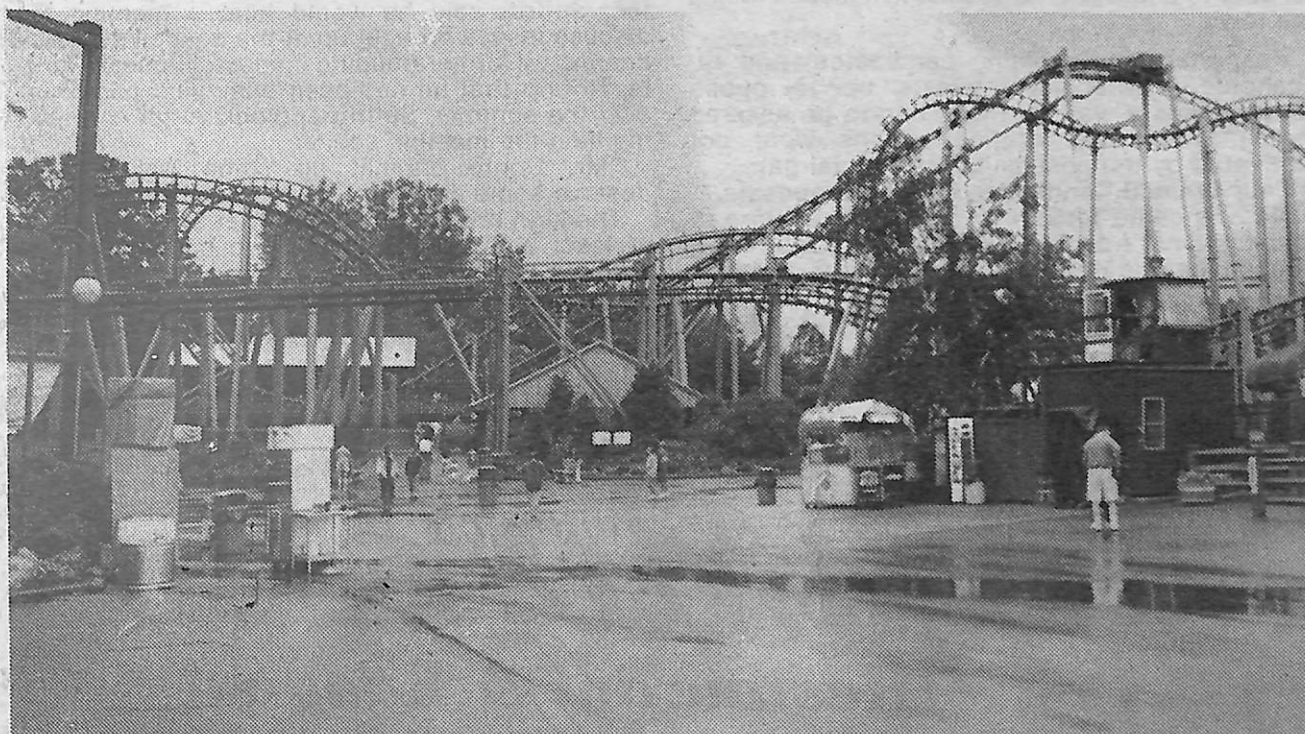
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FROM THE NEW FRONT ENTRANCE PLAZA (above) to the twists and turns of the thrilling rides (below), Riverside's "new" look for 1997 marked the first year of a five-year plan to upgrade the park's facilities and attractions. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Riverside Officials Are Proud Of The Park's New Look

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Nearing the end of the first year of a five-year plan to pump \$50 million into upgrading Riverside Park, officials of the Oklahoma-based company that purchased the park earlier this year are making good on their promise to transform the park into a first-class family attraction with something for everyone.

"If you haven't been to Riverside lately, you haven't been at all," according to Gary Story, president and chief operating officer of Premier Parks. "This is one of the most extensive and aggressive capital programs in this industry. When you consider how far we've come in just a few months, it is nothing short of spectacular."

When they purchased the 57 year-old amusement park from the Carroll family in February, Premier Parks announced a \$20 million capital improvement campaign for their first year. Since then, the company's investment for 1997 is over \$30 million.

Four new thrill rides, including the \$10 million inverted looping Mind Eraser rollercoaster and a four-story interactive playscape for kids of all ages, have been extremely popular with park patrons this season, according to public relations director Shari Blackman.

"A lot of our guests are eager for the mega-thrill rides, but the park is more of a family attraction with something for everyone," Ms. Blackman said. "We've kept all the things people love. If they're looking for the traditional amusement park attractions like the bumper cars, it's here. If they're looking for the major thrill rides, that's here, too."

From the new front entrance plaza showcasing the park's historic carousel hard-carved by M.C. Illions in 1909, to the shops and concession stands lining the midway, the facades are either new or recently painted. Landscaping, plantings, and themed areas add up to a whole new look for the park.

Front Gate Rebuilt

The front gate area has been rebuilt to look like a classic amusement park entrance with ornate buildings and wide turnstiles. Guests enter the park through a Victorian-era cobblestone plaza where the restored carousel has been relocated.

"Riverside's majestic carousel now enjoys a prominent location where it is properly showcased and can remind guests of the wonderful heritage of this great park," Story said.

Thrill-seekers looking for something new have their choice of spinning at warp speed on the

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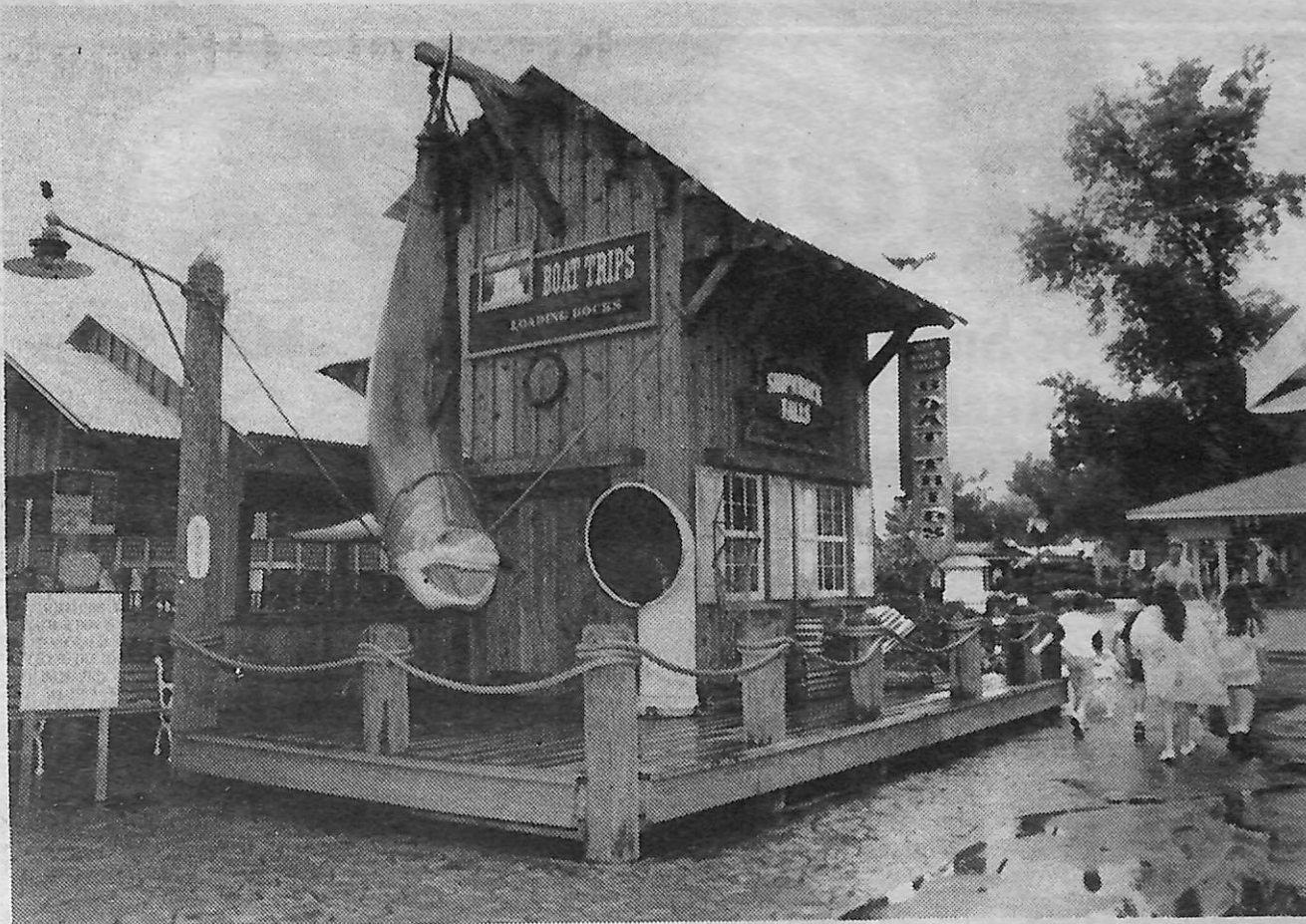
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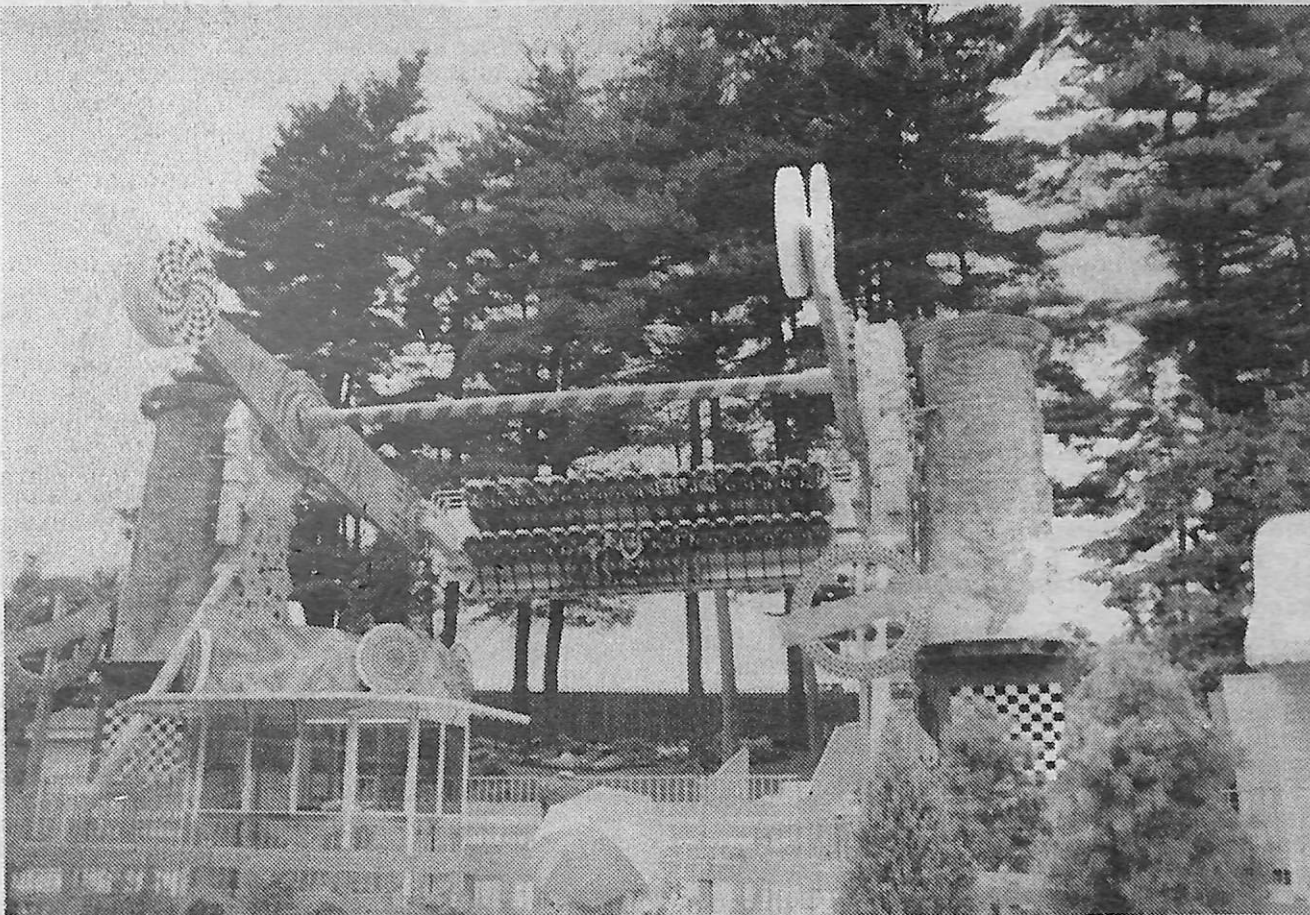
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"One of the unique things about the Mind Eraser is that the riders are sitting two abreast so both have a window seat," Ms. Blackman said. "The riders are suspended with their feet dangling, but it's a much smoother ride compared to some of the older coasters."

Many of the park's attractions have height requirements for the riders, but the new children's interactive play structure has a new twist on guest eligibility.

At Paul Bunyon's Buzzsaw Company, adults must be accompanied by a child. Carpeted in shredded, recycled tires made to look like woodchips, the play area features a four-story treehouse with 35 interactive play stations, water gags, and surprises for the kids.

"This is one of the biggest attractions for the kids," Ms. Blackman said. "The kids really like the water gags. Adults need a kid to get in and the kids take pride in that."

On their way to Paul Bunyon's Buzzsaw Company and the Mind Eraser, guests stroll along Route 50 where workmen are still putting the finishing touches on facades built to resemble the architecture of the 1950's. When the area is complete, vintage cars will be placed along the midway as dining booths.

Will Be Open On Weekends After Labor Day

Open only on weekends after Labor Day, the park will host a Blues Fest on the weekend of October 4th and 5th. For the rest of the remaining weekends of October and the first weekend in November, tricks and treats are in store for park patrons brave enough for Hallowscream.

During the day, patrons can expect costumed characters roaming the midway, a pumpkin patch, and a goodies trail for the kids. But, later in the day, especially at night, the fright factor may increase.

According to Ms. Blackman, Riverside will be staffing the frightfest with volunteers from local charities who will have a share in the proceeds. "We thought this would be a great opportunity for people from local charitable organizations to come in to help their cause," Ms. Blackman said.

Anyone interested in getting their charitable group involved in Hallowscream can contact the marketing department at 786-9300.

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Bitzas Again Asking Voters For Support In Reelection Bid To Town Council

In a statement released this week, George Bitzas said, "Two years ago, the people of Agawam once again put their trust in me by reelecting me as their town councilor. I have worked very hard to serve our town. I feel I have done so with honesty and integrity.

"I am very proud of my accomplishments and my record speaks for itself. I will continue to be active in making improvements in education, town services, elderly services, public safety, community and economic development, and veterans' issues.

"Today, I am officially announcing my candidacy for reelection to the Agawam Town Council. With your vote, I look forward to continuing my service to you and our town.

"I am proud that I was able to contribute or achieve the following accomplishments:

SCHOOL SYSTEM

- Provided funding to maintain all existing school programs.
- Called for the expansion of all schools to alleviate overcrowding.
- Supported full-time nursing coverage in our schools.
- Initiated workshops on gangs and drugs, and expanded the DARE program.
- Worked to prevent athletic fees.

HOMEOWNERS/PROPERTY VALUES

- Voted to lower homeowner tax rates.
- Started the town administration efforts to clean up illegal dumping and junking of cars.
- Promote beautification of our community to maintain property values.

INDUSTRIAL ZONING

- Voted for tax incentives to promote the Industrial Park (11 new companies).
- Voted in favor of zoning changes to protect our neighborhoods and existing businesses.

SENIORS

- Introduced legislation to improve home care services (thus also saving tax dollars).
- Requested expanded van service for the elderly.
- Supported funding to offset state cuts in the Agawam Senior Center Nutrition program.
- Lobbied for state grant to expand Senior Center.

ROUTE 57

- Gathered 2,500 petition signatures to speed up state efforts to complete Rt. 57.
- Rallied the town government to force the state to locate off-ramp away from condominium community.
- One of first town councilors to oppose new off-ramps for proposed strip mall which would cause traffic hazards and gridlock.

TOWN SERVICES

- Introduced weekly garbage pickup and pushed for bulk and hazardous waste collection.
- Promoted increased bus service.
- Supported construction of modern fire station, roads, and sidewalk improvements.

OPEN SPACES

- Initiated town efforts to purchase golf course to preserve open space.



GEORGE BITZAS

- Voted for town acquisition of Tuckahoe Turf Farm for public park and sports fields.
- Co-sponsored resolution seeking county turnover of land to the town at no cost.

VETERANS

- Sponsored resolution and rally to protect closing of Holyoke Soldiers' Home.
- Introduced a resolution supporting constitutional amendment prohibiting flag desecration.
- Backed property tax exemption for veterans' organizations (VFW and American Legion).

OTHER

- First town official to oppose the siting of a casino in Agawam.
- Fully supported citizens' petition for voters' referendum on Berkshire Power.
- Petitioned the State Legislature to require beer keg registration to discourage sales to minors.

Bitzas continued, "I have graduated from Westfield State College and Holyoke Community College. I am a former teacher in the West Springfield Junior and Senior High Schools, and currently the Principal and a teacher at the Greek School, St. George Cathedral.

"I am employed as a designer for Hayden Wayside in Enfield. I have been an Agawam resident for 17 years and a Town Councilor for eight years.

"We live in a wonderful community with good schools, good services, and good people. Agawam town councilors will sometimes disagree, but this should not pull us apart. We must work together for the betterment of our town.

"I pledge to you that I will continue to do my best for Agawam. Thank you for your support and encouragement," concluded Bitzas.

Robert A. Magovern Announces Candidacy For Town Council

Robert A. Magovern of 144 Birch Hill Road has announced his candidacy for the Agawam City Council.

Mr. Magovern stated, "I grew up in Agawam, and although I was away for a few years, I always considered myself to be an Agawam resident. I was never far from home. Agawam politics were always a topic of conversation with my family, who remained active in community and civic affairs."

He continued, "I remember the town manager problems and the charter revision that gave us the Mayoral form of Government. We had many good years of growth and stability under our mayor and an effectively run City Council. Then the problems on the council started to escalate until it reached the critical mass it is at today. Agawam is too good a town for this.

"To have our government machine grind to a stop because of personalities and not being able to find common ground for discussion is not good for the future of our town."

Mr. Magovern went on to talk about what he feels are other important issues facing our town. "Agawam must put more emphasis on the importance of building and maintaining one of the finest educational institutions in the area."

Mr. Magovern started his education at the Benjamin P. Phelps elementary school. After graduating from Agawam High School in 1961, he completed his college education at Boston University, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Mr. Magovern's mother, Dorothy Magovern, taught school in North Agawam for many years, and his sister, Marjory Greenough, is still a teacher in the Agawam School System.

He credits a strong home emphasis on education for his desire to improve the Agawam School System. When asked why not run for the school board instead of the City Council, Mr. Magovern said, "It is the City Council that makes it possible for the School System to develop through proper management of our town's resources.

"We must have sound fiscal stewardship and develop our economic base. This means a long-range plan for economic growth and development that will build a tax base. We must have a strong council so that we can pay for our schools, senior services, libraries, highways, and other amenities."

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ROBERT A. MAGOVERN

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Mr. Magovern is president of Neighbor to Neighbor of America, Inc., a new resident welcoming service which welcomes new families to town. Neighbor to Neighbor has community representatives throughout Western Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Prior to his founding Neighbor to Neighbor, he worked for The Magovern Company, Inc., and was a vice president of the company managing the lower Connecticut and New York state operations. While in Connecticut, Mr. Magovern lived in Westport and was active in his community and served as Master of the Masonic Lodge.

When Mr. Magovern moved back to the area, he lived in Longmeadow, where he was very active in the community as a Deacon in his church, vice president and trustee of the Longmeadow Historical Society, and a founder of Longmeadow Days. The weekend-long craft fair is a major fundraiser for the town's community organizations.

He also was the founding Governor of the Society of the 17th Century, which is a group

founded to preserve the early 17th century history of the Connecticut River Valley, Mr. Magovern

was chosen to be the Historian for the Agawam First Baptist Church, which his family helped found in 1790.

Mr. Magovern went on to say, "As soon as I had an opportunity to move back to Agawam, I did. I believe that if you see a problem, do not wait for someone else to solve it. Do what you can yourself."

"I have had an interest in environmental problems and was a member of the Agawam Conservation Commission. I felt I could do more good for Agawam by running for State Representative. Although I did not win, I was honored and proud of the support I received from the people of Agawam."

"I hope that people who supported me and people who did not vote for me in my campaign for State Representative will give me their vote for Agawam City Council."

Mr. Magovern concluded, "I would consider it an honor to serve on the City Council, and my phone will always be open for any suggestions to improve our town. My home phone number is 789-0171."

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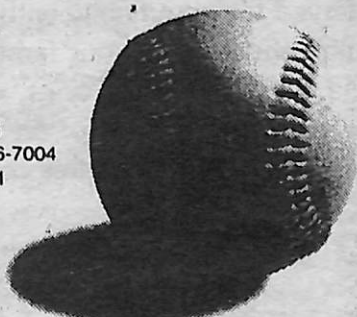
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Servis Concerned About Traffic, South End Bridge

In a campaign statement issued this week, Agawam Mayoral candidate Kent Servis said, "During the Fourth of July weekend, many Main Street residents were trapped in their homes for the better part of eight hours. At the next City Council meeting, they voiced their outrage and concerns. Their voices did not fall upon deaf ears."

"At the conclusion of the meeting, I formed a volunteer task force of councilors to study the problem and make recommendations. The task force is comprised of Councilors Nancy Thompson, Gary Suffriti, Thomas Ennis, and myself. The task force convened a meeting at the Mayor's office, and included officials from Riverside Park, the police department, and the Mayor."

"The task force made recommendations to the officials at Riverside, and discussed implementation plans to make sure that the traffic nightmare would not continue. To their credit, Riverside has complied in a very cooperative fashion."

"Included in the recommendations from the task force were the erection of billboards on Rt. 91 north which would direct Connecticut motorists to use exit 47 W, thereby relieving some of the traffic congestion from Main St., Route 57, and the South End Bridge."

"Riverside Park has complied with this request."

"Furthermore, Riverside has agreed to suspend bookings of any large concerts for the remainder of the year. This will allow the traffic study report to be completed by the engineering firm that they have hired."

"The task force also recommended that Riverside explore the potential of including parking fees into the cost of concert tickets, or otherwise finding a way to get the traffic off of Main St. and onto their property quickly."

"Riverside is exploring the possibilities of widening their driveways; the completion of the new overflow parking lot with wide driveways should help greatly."

"Other changes such as temporarily using traffic cones to give three lanes in one direction on Main Street are under study, but would need the State's permission, since Main St. is a State road."

"The Mayor's suggestion of placing Sani-Cans along Main St. met with disapproval from the task force."

Servis continued, "My statement to the press



MAYORAL CANDIDATE KENT SERVIS says he is very concerned about the South End Bridge, which, according to him, is badly in need of repairs. Above, Servis offers this picture of the bridge overpass on River Road. Servis says the planks are placed there to keep pieces of the roadway from falling on cars and pedestrians.

regarding improvements to the South End Bridge and the possibility of bypassing the rotary to get onto Route 57 are not just due to the Riverside traffic. We do not want Route 91 and the South End Bridge to handle all of the special event traffic."

"Every fall, the Big E generates bottlenecks on the bridge and rotary. Every rush hour, every day of the week, traffic on both sides of the bridge gets snarled and creates an environment that breeds traffic accidents."

"I believe that the officials from Riverside are making a good faith effort to restore the community's confidence in their desire to be a compatible neighbor. One woman who had called me to complain about the traffic mess on the Fourth of July, called me back to tell me that she had called Riverside Park to see if they had any concerts planned for a particular weekend, as she was having a family picnic and wanted to know if she should reschedule her picnic."

"She informed me that the folks who handled her call, told her that there was no major event scheduled. She reported that later that day, Riverside called her to inform her that there was going to be a soccer event in town, but that it was not connected to the park and she should not have too much of a traffic hassle in her neighborhood."

"She was thankful that someone at the park took the time to look up what was happening in

the community and report back to her. I certainly hope that the management of Riverside Park will find that dedicated employee and give that person a thank you from all of us."

"While traffic around the park was the major thrust of the task force," stated Servis, "traffic in general has become an issue worth looking at."

"The Commonwealth is looking at doing some redesign work on the bridge, and action by our state legislators can't come soon enough."

"The photo accompanying this release shows the bridge overpass on River Road. The planks in the picture are not placed there for their 'rustic' appearance. They are there to keep pieces of the roadway from falling on cars and pedestrians."

"This bridge is over 40 years-old, and the State must fix the obviously dangerous problems of a crumbling roadway. They should also look at the traffic needs of all the motorists who use this span, planning ahead for the next 40 or 50 years of growth."

"The unexpected growth of the hill towns as bedroom communities has placed a strain on the infrastructure. Forty years ago, the bridge and rotary complex was just fine. But things changed in 40 years!"

"I hope that the citizens of Agawam will join with me in asking our state delegation to let our voices be heard on Beacon Hill," concluded Servis.

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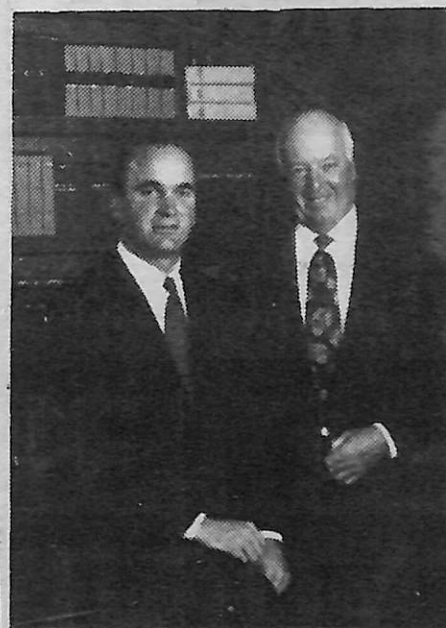
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JOSEPH F. LANGONE

Langone Seeking Reelection To Town Council

Agawam City Councilor Joseph F. Langone has formally announced his reelection campaign.

In a statement released this week, Langone said, "It has been my honor and privilege to serve the citizens of the Town of Agawam for the last two years as one of their Councilors. I stand on my record and offer it to the voters.

"I must emphasize, however, that while I have striven to act professionally in order to protect the image of our community, I am appalled by the overall tone that the Council, as a whole, has set for itself and the Town. We must work harder at establishing a positive vision and direction for Agawam."

Langone continued by elaborating on his record. "I have always made it a point to listen to our citizens and do the work necessary to really learn about the issues which concern our town. Specifically, I have kept my one and only campaign promise, namely to support a referendum on Berkshire Power so that the voice of the people could be heard.

"I supported the Mayor's annual operating budget for two consecutive years without reservations, and I compliment him on his able administration of Town finances. I urged the creation of the Italian Sister City Commission and am proud to serve as its chairman. With the assistance of its hard-working commissioners, it promises to exert a positive impact on Agawam.

"Finally, I voted yes on the ordinance to regulate automatic gaming devices. It had to be done to protect our community."

Langone, who resides at 180 Suffield Street and is an English as a Second Language instructor at the Massachusetts Career Development Institute, concluded, "I respectfully request that the citizens of Agawam NOT include me in any negative view of the Council. I pride myself on my independence and place a premium on acting according to my conscience.

"Any decisions I have made over the course of my term in office have, I assure you, been made professionally, carefully, and ALWAYS with the best interest of Agawam as their foundation and focus."

Best local news...

Russo Announces Candidacy For Town Council

"I am formally announcing my candidacy for one of 11 seats on the Agawam City Council," said Louis J. Russo in a recent campaign statement.

"It is my hope to bring compassion and common sense to city government. It is proven that I will be an independent voice for everyone in Agawam, and not a rubber stamp representative for special interest groups. I have served the people of Agawam honorably through my involvement in community service and voluntary activities.

"I believe that while councilors should always vote in favor of issues that are beneficial, they should speak out and vote against issues or proposals which would be harmful to everyone. It is the responsibility of everyone in government to insure that they subscribe to the best interest of those they are given the honor to serve. I vow that I will vote the issues based on what is in the best interest of everyone in Agawam, and not because of the personalities of those involved.

"Councilors must never ignore their constituents or interfere with their rights," Russo continued. "For example, if the citizens support a certain issue or referendum, councilors must abide by their constituents' wishes. I vow that I will never interfere with voters' rights and I will never abstain or vote present. Everyone, at all times, will know where I stand on all issues. Whether or not you like my style, you will always know that you can count on my proven and continuing honesty, integrity, and openness.

"Friendly disagreement and debate are essential if all aspects of an issue are to be explored. However, debate should have the purpose of determining all facts so that a sensible and amicable decision can be reached. Only then can the community and citizens' best interests be served. If everyone in government is willing to work together, then reasonable solutions can be found to solve our town's problems. Public officials must recognize and admit their individual limitations and be willing to learn from each other. As a result, great things will happen for



LOUIS J. RUSSO

Agawam and our town can progress smoothly into the future.

"During the upcoming campaign," Russo pledged, "I will detail the issues that I feel are important to everyone in Agawam. I will be offering new ideas for Agawam's future and new ways of improving what we presently have. If elected, I pledge that the things I will be speaking about, won't be ideas that are merely put into words. They will be ideas and ideals that can, and will, be put into practice.

"If anyone has any questions regarding how I feel about issues important to them, please call me at 786-9107. If you see me around town, stop me and let me know what's on your mind. I look forward to speaking with anyone about their thoughts or concerns regarding our community and how to make it better," Russo concluded.

Negrucchi Emphasizes Teamwork As One Of His Strengths In Run For Council

John Negrucchi, candidate for Agawam City Council, set forth his ability for teamwork for the job.

Negrucchi stated, "The City Council has to stop the bickering and set the tone for a stable image for our town. To achieve that goal of stability, the voters must elect councilors who have the characteristics to build teamwork."

Negrucchi is a former Union Pension Fund administrator and former president of the Western Massachusetts Football Officials Association. He presently serves on the Italian Sister City Commission.

He added, "This is not to say that councilors are going to agree on every issue. However, a councilor must have the ability to debate the issues in a respectful, courteous manner.

"The real test is how one acts under fire. I know I have the ability to act responsibly at all times."

"I pledge to consider all opinions; to evaluate each issue in the best interest of the Town; to act

professionally at all times and, above all, not to bicker with other councilors.

"Furthermore, I will debate in the best interest of the people, considering their opinions."

Negrucchi concluded, "I assure you these steps will lead to stability and teamwork which can turn around the image of our City Council. **Your vote can help make the change.**"

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— Obituaries —



Frederick Nardi

Frederick Nardi, 77, of 575 North Street, Feeding Hills, a business executive and longtime selectman and town councilor, died at home.

A lifelong resident of this community, he was the senior vice president of sales and marketing for Sweet Life Foods Corp.

He served eight terms on the Agawam Town Council from 1971 to 1989, and chaired the Board of Selectmen for three years before the council

was created. he also chaired the Board of Health and Police Commission, and sat on the state Welfare Board.

He started his career with Sweet Life in 1947 as a trucker, and worked his way up to general manager and then senior vice president.

He received many awards, including man-of-the-year awards from the Connecticut Food Stores Association, the Stigmatine Fathers, Boys Town of Italy, and the Connecticut Chapter of the March of Dimes.

He retired in 1989.

He also was a business consultant for All For A Dollar and International Trading & Wholesale Corp., both based in Springfield.

He attended town schools, and served in the Marine Corps. He was assigned to honor guard duty for President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

He also served in the Pacific theater during World War II, and with the Allied occupation forces in Japan.

He was a communicant of the Sacred Heart Church.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothea E. (Atwood); a son, Dean Atwood of Suffield, CT; a daughter, Dawn L. Nardi of Feeding Hills; three brothers, Dolpho of Holyoke, and Raymond and Armando of Agawam; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089, or any other charity.

Emma M. Scott

Emma M. (Klopfenstein) Scott, 94, a resident of Fort Washington, Maryland, and formerly of Agawam, died last week.

Born in Westhampton, she moved to Southampton at an early age and attended schools there.

Her first husband, Edward Haskins, died in 1924. Another husband, Fred Scott, died in 1972.

She was a member of the Second Baptist Church, the Literary Club, and the Golden Agers of Agawam.

She leaves one son, James E. Scott of East Amherst, New York; one daughter, Anne M. Hynes of Fort Washington; two sisters, Alice Gwinner and Leah Gorton, both of Easthampton; six grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Mitchell Funeral Home, Easthampton, followed by burial in Center Cemetery in Southampton.

H. Margaret Johnson

H. Margaret (Pearson) Johnson, 91, of Emerson Road, Longmeadow, died in an Agawam nursing home.

Born in Sweden, she lived most of her life in Springfield and Longmeadow.

She leaves her daughter-in-law, Ginny Johnson of Charlotte, North Carolina; and many grandchildren.

Her son, Carl W. Johnson, died in 1990.

A graveside service was held at Hillcrest Park Cemetery, and Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home of Springfield was in charge of the arrangements.

Corrinne A. Arsenault

Corrinne Ahl Arsenault of Ellington, Connecticut, died in Rockville General Hospital.

She taught in the Agawam schools and retired in 1974. She was born in Agawam.

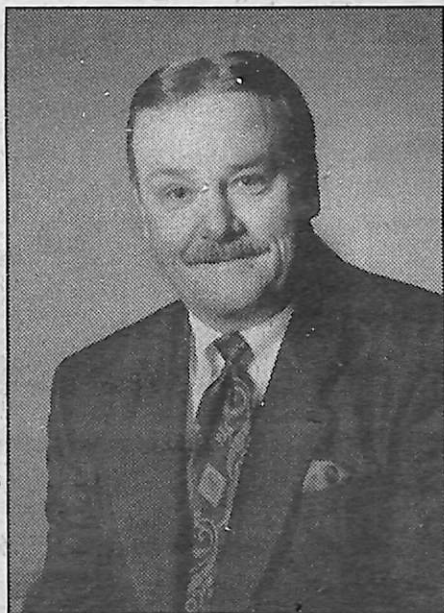
She leaves a son, Alan A. of Charlestown, Rhode Island; a daughter, Louise E. Dandelske of Amherst; a brother, Harold S. Wright of Agawam; a sister, S. Eleanor Wright of Agawam; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

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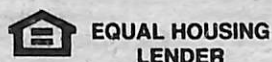
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OBITUARIES - from Page 13...



Jessie W. McMahon

Jessie W. (Wilcoxson) McMahon, 92, formerly of Albert Street, Agawam, died at a local nursing home. Born and schooled in Springfield, she was graduated from the former Technical High School. She lived here from 1934. Jessie worked for many years in the Agawam Public Library, both as a volunteer and on staff.

She attended the Agawam Congregational Church, and was active in its choir, bell choir, and Ladies Aid Society. She belonged to the Congenials Social Group, the Agawam Garden Club, the Women's Club, and the Historical Society, and was a volunteer at the Capt. Charles Leonard House.

She also was active in Scouting. She was a Cub

Scout Den Leader, a Brownie and Girl Scout Leader, and a past vice president of the Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council.

Her husband of 54 years, Joseph P. McMahon, Jr., died in 1983. She leaves a son and daughter-in-law, Robert P. and Patricia G. McMahon of East Longmeadow; a grandson, Robert P. Jr. of Hopedale; two granddaughters, Bonnie Cohen of New Jersey and Gay McDyer of Feeding Hills; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was in the church with burial at Hillcrest Park Cemetery. Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home was in charge. Memorial contributions may be made to the Agawam Congregational Church memorial fund, 75 Main Street, Agawam, 01001, or the Rescue Mission, 19 Bliss St., Springfield, 01105.

Richard J. Maziarz

Richard Joseph Maziarz, 45, of 224 Belanger Road, Southampton, formerly of Chicopee, died in Holyoke Hospital.

He co-operated The Painter's Palette Painting Studio and Store of Westfield.

He formerly worked as a quality control marketing liaison for the Ensign-Bickford Co. of Simsbury, CT, for 10 years and previously for the Savage Arms Co. of Westfield.

He was born in Holyoke and resided in Chicopee, Agawam, and, for the past seven years, in Southampton.

He was a graduate of American International College and Cathedral High School.

He was a member of the National Wood Carvers Association, the National Society of Decorative Painters, and the Pioneer Valley Decorative Painters Association.

He leaves his friend, Laura Ryan of Southampton; two uncles, Stanley J. Maziarz of Chicopee and Edward F. Maziarz of Sepulveda, California; and an aunt, Jean Mamulski of South Hadley.

The funeral was held at the Lawrence A. Maziarz Mortuary in Chicopee, followed by the Liturgy of Christian Burial in The Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr. Burial was held in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Chicopee.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Josephine C. Govoni

Josephine C. (Banas) Govoni, 98, formerly of Giffin Place, Feeding Hills, died in an East Longmeadow nursing home.

She retired in 1976 from the former Albert Steiger Co. in Springfield.

Previously, she operated the former Safety Brake Co. with her husband. She also had been a seamstress for the former Carter Co.

Born in Chicopee, she lived in West Springfield and Feeding Hills for many years.

She was a member of the Polish National Alliance.

Her husband, Alexander Govoni, died in 1983. She leaves one nephew, Frank J. Banas of Springfield.

The funeral was held at the Kozikowski Funeral Home in Chicopee, followed by services in St. Stanislaus Basilica, Bishop and Martyr, Chicopee. Burial was in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Florence R. Rivers

Florence R. (King) Rivers, 82, of 886 Main Street, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Glover, Vermont, she lived in West Springfield before moving to Agawam in 1950.

She attended the West Springfield Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses for 55 years.

She leaves her husband of 60 years, Harry J. Rivers of Agawam; a son, Harry J. of Holyoke; a daughter, Carol Ann Rivers of Agawam; two sisters, Sadie Utzinger of Agawam, and Alice Fournier of Feeding Hills; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A private burial was held in Westlook Cemetery at Glover. Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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OBITUARIES - from Page 14...

Donald A. White

Donald A. White, 66, died in Elaine Health and Rehab in Hadley.

He was a carpenter and cabinetmaker for many years before his retirement.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Chicopee for many years before moving to Palmer three years ago.

He was a veteran of Korea and a member of the DAV in Springfield.

He was a member of the Bethany Assembly of God in Agawam.

He leaves his wife, the former Phyllis B. Paynter; two sons, Donald A. Jr. and Philip, both of Chicopee; three daughters, Aileen M. D'Ambrosia of Easthampton, Rebecca L. Manukis of Yardville, New Jersey, and Nancy LaFountaine of Chicopee; a brother, Robert White of Huntington; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home, followed by burial in Brookside Cemetery, Easthampton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Quaboag Valley Visiting Nurse Association, 103 Fairview Street, Palmer, MA 01069.

Flora J. Matchett

Flora J. Matchett, 93, formerly of 62 Exeter Street, West Springfield, died in an Agawam nursing home.

She worked as a secretary for the federal Department of Agriculture for more than 40 years. She retired in 1963.

Born in Chicopee, she was educated in West Springfield.

She lived in Washington, D.C. most of her life and returned to West Springfield in 1963.

She was a communicant of the Church of the Good Shepherd and a member of the Altar Guild.

She leaves a sister, Beatrice Collins of California, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at the West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Alice A. Connell

On Saturday, August 31st, Alice A. (Lenzi) Connell, 101, formerly of 63 Federal Street, Springfield, died in an Agawam nursing home.

Born in West Wareham, MA, she was raised and educated in Springfield, and lived all of her life in Springfield as a homemaker.

She was a communicant of St. Michael's Cathedral, a charter member of the Women's Division of the Dante Club in West Springfield, and was an active member of the Carew Street Golden Agers Club.

She was predeceased by her husband, Edward J. Connell.

She is survived by three nieces, Betty A. Bailey of Agawam, Irene S. Corbin of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Jean Wynne of Springfield.

A memorial mass will be scheduled at a later date, and there are no calling hours. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam.

Joseph A. Richard

Joseph A. Richard, 71, of 17 Mystic Street, Springfield, died at Mercy Hospital.

Born in East Longmeadow, he was a longtime Springfield resident.

He retired five years ago as a carpenter for Sweet Life Foods in Suffield, CT, where he had worked for more than 30 years.

He was a World War II Army Air Force veteran.

He was a communicant of St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus Church of Agawam, where he was a eucharistic minister.

He was a former member of the East Longmeadow Knights of Columbus and a member of the Teamsters Local 559 of East Hartford.

He leaves his wife of 50 years, Evelyn (Cote) Richard of Springfield; four sons, Joseph A. Jr. of Des Plaines, Illinois, David M. of Chicopee, Tech. Sgt. Mark S. of Charleston, South Carolina, and Paul J. of Bay City, Texas; two daughters, Andrea J. Garde and Denise M. Richard, both of Springfield; a brother, William of East Longmeadow; a sister, Mary Gloria Bower of Milford, CT; and 14 grandchildren.

A memorial Mass was held at the church, and burial was at the convenience of the family. Byron's City Burial and Cremation Service was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Massachusetts Affiliate, 813 Williams Street, Longmeadow, MA 01106.

Virginia M. Grenier

Virginia M. (Muldoon) Grenier, 72, of 1083 River Road, Agawam, died at home.

She worked for New Bedford Division of Revere Copper & Brass Co., *The Agawam Advertiser*, and A.R.I. Olivetti Co. for several years.

Born in Hartford, she lived in New Bedford for many years before moving to Agawam in 1953.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and was active in the parish's Confraternity of Christian Doctrine program.

She leaves her husband, Emile T. Grenier; two sons, Shawn of Southwick, and Stephen of Agawam; four daughters, Suzanne Strole, Sandra Anderson, and Sheila Serra of Agawam, and Sharon Coles of Monson; two brothers, Col. James Muldoon of Cocoa Beach, Florida, and Thomas Muldoon of Ellicott City, Maryland; a sister, Frances Fryer of Bridgeton, Maine; and 12 grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Homes and the church, with the burial in Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church building fund at 833 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

"STAND-DOWN-97" For Local Veterans Is Slated For Sept. 27th

Attention, veterans! Are you unemployed? Are you depressed and tired of dead ends? In need of a medical plan or services? Are you facing legal issues? Are you simply in need of a haircut?

On Saturday, September 27th, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., the Northampton VA Medical Center and VFW District 7, in cooperation with Westover Air Reserve Base in Chicopee, will present "STAND-DOWN-97."

This effort is an assembly of services provided by federal, state, and local organizations to assist the veterans of our communities. Legal, social, Registry of Motor Vehicles, and walk-in medical help are just a few of the services provided.

Food, clothing, and shelter are just some of your needs which can be met. Remember to bring your DD-214 — it's your ticket to faster service!

With or without it, help is still available. Take this chance to help you help yourself.

For more information, for directions, or to arrange transportation, please call (413) 584-4040 ext. 2540.

Veterans' Corner...

Discussing Burial Allowance Benefits

by Ruth Bitzas
Veterans' Agent

What is a VA Burial Allowance?

A VA burial allowance is a partial reimbursement of an eligible veteran's burial and funeral costs. When the cause of death is not service-related, the reimbursement is generally described as two payments: (1) a burial and funeral expense allowance, and (2) a plot interment allowance.

Who is Eligible?

You may be eligible for a VA burial allowance if:

- you paid for a veteran's burial or funeral **AND**
- you have not been reimbursed by another government agency or some other source, such as the deceased veteran's employer **AND**
- the veteran was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

In addition, at least one of the following conditions must be met:

- the veteran died because of a service-related disability **OR**
- the veteran was getting VA pension or compensation at the time of death **OR**
- the veteran was entitled to receive VA pension or compensation at the time of death but decided not to reduce his/her military retirement or disability pay **OR**
- the veteran died in a VA hospital or while in a nursing home under VA contract.

How Much Does VA Pay?

Service-related death — VA will pay up to \$1,500 toward burial expenses. If the veteran is buried in a VA national cemetery, some or all of the cost of moving the deceased may be reimbursed.

Nonservice-related death — VA will pay up to \$300 toward burial and funeral expenses, and a \$150 plot interment allowance. If the death happened while the veteran was in a VA hospital or under contracted nursing home care, the cost of moving the deceased may be reimbursed.

How Can I Apply?

You can apply by filling out VA Form 21-530, Application for Burial Allowance. You should attach proof of the veteran's military service (DD 214), a death certificate, and copies of funeral and burial bills you have paid.

Related Benefits

- Burial in VA National Cemeteries.
- Presidential Memorial Certificates.
- Headstones and Markers.
- Burial Flags.

For further information, contact the Department of Veterans' Services at Agawam Town Hall — 786-0400, ext. 236.

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Important Issues Await In Fall

Can you believe summer has already come to an end? It seems like yesterday that we were enjoying Memorial Day picnics, the end of school, and Fourth of July fireworks.

Now, Labor Day picnics are over, our kids are back in school, and the leaves are about to change. Fall is a fabulous time of year in New England, and the Massachusetts Senate will be busy with many important legislative issues before us.

Perhaps the biggest policy issue of the year is utility deregulation. Massachusetts has some of the highest energy costs in the nation, and the Legislature's Joint Committee on Government Regulations is currently working on legislation to end the regulated monopoly of the utility industry and form a system of competition that provides financial relief to consumers and businesses. Although no formal legislation has been introduced to the full Senate, I am confident we will be able to form a strong consensus.

Still, a number of issues need to be addressed before we deregulate our utility industry. One, known as "stranded costs," is the amount of money Massachusetts utilities can recover from investments in power plants that would not be competitive under a deregulation system. It will be the state's responsibility to strike a balance between a fair return to utilities and lower costs for the consumer.

Another question is the amount of discount consumers would initially receive under a deregulated system. Most legislators support at least 10 percent off of current rates, but other proposals may be considered as debate heats up in the fall.

An issue for which I have never wavered is quality health care for consumers. This fall, legislation to reform the managed care industry will be a top priority. The bill, which has passed both the Joint Committee on Health Care and Joint Committee on Insurance, contains many patient-friendly provisions. It would allow the patient's doctor to have the final say over the length of hospital stays, allow HMO members access to doctors and hospitals outside the plan for an added charge, and give patients the choice to decide if emergency room care is necessary. These are substantial changes that would greatly improve the managed care industry, and provide strong protections for the health care consumer.

The managed care industry is growing rapidly in Massachusetts. Many attributes have been successful in lowering consumer costs and providing increased access to health insurance. But there are flaws. It is too difficult to move outside of your HMO. Patients do not have control over the tests and procedures that may be medically necessary. Once the bill is released from the Senate Committee on Ways & Means onto the Senate floor, I will help lead the reform fight in the legislature to further enhance the Commonwealth's health care industry.

Of course, many other issues will be debated at length over the course of the fall. It promises to be an exciting and productive season. As always, feel free to contact my office with ideas, feedback, questions, or concerns.

best local news...

Fire Wise...

Fire Chief David Pisano

Your Home May Be In The Line Of Fire!

As more of us choose to live away from urban areas and build homes on forested land, wildfires become an increasing threat each year. The Agawam Fire Department suggests these precautions to protect your home:

• The House

— Use only fire-resistant materials on the exterior.

— Screening material should be used in eaves, vents, and beneath porches to protect the interior from sparks.

— Chimneys should extend above the roof line and topped with a half-inch mesh spark arrester.

• Home Care

— If possible build on a flat area instead of a slope.

— Keep roof and gutters free of leaves, pine straw, moss, etc.

— Dispose of ashes from grills, stoves, and fireplaces by placing them in a metal container, soaking with water, and burying them.

— Flammable materials like firewood or lumber should be stored at least 100 feet from the house.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

CCBA Announces Upcoming Fundraisers

A ziti dinner will take place on Sunday, September 14th, at Maria's Pizza & Restaurant, 605 Silver Street, Agawam, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$5 per ticket.

A fantastic wine-tasting event, featuring a wide variety of up to 100 domestic and imported wines, will be held on Saturday, October 4th, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post 185, 478 Springfield Street, Agawam. This event will showcase the latest harvest from dry to sweet, and there will be something for everyone. The cost is \$15 per ticket.

The Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam (CCBA) will also be conducting a fundraising raffle. The cost is \$2 per ticket, and all tickets may be purchased at Maria's Pizza & Restaurant, 605 Silver Street, Agawam.

Cultural Council Has Grant Applications For Worthy Projects

The Agawam Cultural Council is beginning preparations for the coming grant application period for funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Applications for funds must be into the Agawam Cultural Council by October 15th. The Council will then choose what projects merit funding in time for the Massachusetts Cultural Council deadline of December 15th.

Applications may be obtained at the Agawam Public Library and the Town Clerk's Office at the Town Hall, 36 Main Street, after September 11th.

In addition to various programs at the library, pass grants for the schools, and other cultural projects, the grant monies fund the First Fridays at the library and partially fund the summer series of concerts.

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MICHAEL J. WALSH

Melconian Appoints Springfield Man As Legislative Aide

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) announced recently the hiring of Michael J. Walsh, who will serve as a legislative aide in the Senator's Boston and Agawam district offices.

"As a lifelong resident of Springfield's Ward Six, I am honored to have the opportunity to work for the Commonwealth's highest elected woman official, who also happens to be my own State Senator.

"From as far back as I can remember, I have always enjoyed public service. My family has long and proud roots serving the Greater Springfield area and now it is my turn to give back to the community, through Senator Melconian's office, all that has been given to me."

Michael is the son of Daniel and Kateri Walsh of 42 Magnolia Terrace, Springfield. Walsh is a 1997 graduate of Providence College where he majored in history and completed a minor in business studies. During his senior year, Walsh served as the elected Student Body president. Walsh earned national distinction when he was named to the prestigious 1997 edition of *Who's Who Among College and University Students*.

At Providence, Walsh was a four-year member of the Friars Club, the school's official community service and visitor relations organization, and a contributing writer for the school's newspaper, *The Owl*. Michael earned academic honors when he was named to the Providence College Dean's List and the college chapter of the National History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta. Walsh graduated from Springfield's Cathedral High School in 1993.

"I am delighted to welcome officially Michael Walsh to my office. Michael is a bright and astute young man who showed considerable promise as an intern in my Boston office this past spring. Now, as a full-time staff member, Michael's duties will include legislative responsibilities, advance work, and serving as a liaison for constituents between the Boston and district offices. Michael will spend three days in Boston and two days in the (Agawam) district office," Melconian said.

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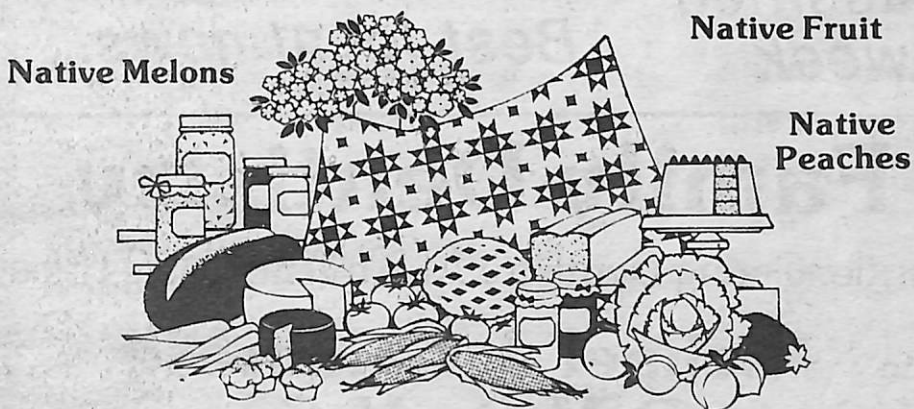
AT THE END-OF-THE-SEASON PICNIC AT THE PERRY LANE PARK Summer Camp, campers Bryant D'Amours, Andrew Fila, and Tim Zucco enjoyed watermelon provided at a picnic by the Agawam Lions Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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1997 BIG E Has Huge Menu Of Fun & Surprises For Kids Of All Ages

"The World's Only Big E" offers an abundance of fun and surprises for children of all ages and their families Sept. 12-28, 1997. Many of the special attractions and exhibits at The Big E have been created with kids in mind:

• **AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS** - The Big E presents the finest agricultural contests in the Northeast. Continuous 4-H and open livestock shows and competitions will be held in the newly expanded Mallary Complex for beef and dairy cattle, youth working steer, sheep, goats, llamas, and swine.

On the all-new **Avenue of Agriculture** make new friends - favorite farm creatures. Don't miss the incredible **Butter Barn**, where barnyard friends will be sculpted out of butter reminiscent of last year's amazing butter cow. A brand new **Milking Parlor** for cows and a **Fiber Nook** complete the agricultural excitement.

The Coliseum will host Sheep Dog Trials on Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 15-16, Ox Pulling Competitions Monday, Sept. 22 at 11:30 a.m., 3:30 and 7:00 p.m., and Horse Pulling Competitions on Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 11:00 a.m., 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.

• **Farm-A-Rama** - Hatching chicks, unusual Scottish Highland Cattle and giant **Hallamore Clydesdales** will make Farm-A-Rama their home for all 17 days of the fair. For educational entertainment with a barnyard flair, the Farm-A-Rama stage will present Chris Rowlands with "Farmin' Fever," an interactive, musical exploration of today's agriculture with songs like "Egg Laying Factory" and Cud Chewing.

• **Barn Tours** - Children will love discovering fun facts about animals during professionally guided Barn Tours of The Big E's agricultural areas. Tours depart from inside Farm-A-Rama from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

• **Commerford's Petting Zoo** - A much-loved fair tradition gives the young and those young at heart a chance to meet Dickie the Giraffe, pet and feed a variety of farm and exotic animals, and ride high

on camels and elephants at two fair locations, Gate 7 and the Avenue ShowPlace.

• **McDonaldland Stage** - Ronald McDonald and the gang present "Silly Day in McDonaldland" near the Mallary Plaza Rotunda. Show times are 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, and 6:00 p.m. daily with an additional noon show on Saturdays and Sundays.

• **The Big E Circus, under the Big Top**, sponsored by Coca Cola - A long-time favorite with children, the circus will have their faces glowing with excitement as they're captivated by everything from enormous elephants to aerial acrobats.

• **Storowton Village Museum** - "Early American Children's Games," sponsored by Freihofer's, are scheduled daily at noon on the Village Green with additional games at 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

• **Kiddieland** - The Big E's Kiddieland area is full of fun Midway rides that are just right for kids. Kiddieland is located adjacent to the Food Court.

• **The Magic Midway** - Plenty of thrilling rides and games will offer exciting action for children of all ages. On Pay-One-Price (P.O.P.) days, Monday-Thursday, fairgoers can ride all rides for only \$12. Advance discount Pay-One-Price coupons are just \$11 and are available at all Stop & Shop supermarkets from Aug. 17 to Sept. 6 and at The Big E Coliseum Box Office through Sept. 6. A portion of advance P.O.P. sales will be donated to Ronald McDonald House Charities.

• **The Giant Slide** - Youth fairgoers - and those not so young - will enjoy slipping and sliding down this popular yellow "giant."

• **Walkabout Wonders** - Prepare to be surprised and entertained by **The Mechanical Man, Happy Harry, and Biggie**, the fair's official mascot, roaming the fairgrounds daily.

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Agawam Garden Club To Hold Meeting On September 9th

Master Gardener Joe Dubiel of Chicopee, a member of the Agawam Garden Club, will be the speaker at the September 9th meeting of the local club. The business meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam, will precede the program.

Dubiel will discuss "Herbs and Flowers in Polish Folklore" and accompany his talk with appropriate visuals.

He is a member of the Western Massachusetts Master Gardeners Association, and has done extensive volunteer work for them.

There will be refreshments. Anyone interested may attend, and there is a \$1 fee for guests.

Check our classified pages every week

Holyoke Community College To Present 'Advantages Of Aging'

Holyoke Community College and the Holyoke Council on Aging are co-sponsoring "Advantages of Aging," a day-long event of workshops and seminars, to be held on Saturday, September 27th, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the HCC Campus Center. Tickets, which include lunch, are \$7.

The program will open with remarks by Holyoke Mayor Daniel Szostkiewicz, followed by the keynote address, "In the Eye of the Storm: The Importance of Humor in Changing Times," by humorist Izzy Gesell. Guests will then participate in morning workshops, which will highlight topics such as fly-fishing, nutrition, fitness, health, gambling, and legal issues.

A workshop in Spanish, entitled "Cuidandose Usted Mismo Del Crimen" ("Protecting Yourself from Crime"), led by Holyoke police officer Ramona Ortiz and state trooper Maria M. Torres, will also be held in the morning.

Afternoon workshops include: "Safer Seniors," led by Holyoke police officer Jane Deschais; "Timeless Beauty," led by Mary Kay beauty consultant Sue Krom; and "Education in Your Free Time," a discussion of college opportunities available for seniors.

Workshops on health issues, such as sexuality, hearing loss, and understanding HMOs, will also be offered during the afternoon session, as well as a workshop in Spanish entitled "Encontrando la Ayuda en su Casa Segun Envejecemos" ("Finding Help at Home").

In addition, various health screenings and informational exhibits will be offered from 1:45 to 2:30 p.m.

The workshops, dining room, and health screening area are all wheelchair-accessible, and volunteers will be available to assist participants throughout the day.

For more information about the "Advantages of Aging" program, or to register, please contact Gail Indyk, Holyoke Community College, 303 Homestead Avenue, Holyoke, MA 01040; 552-2543. The registration deadline is September 23rd.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 18, 1997 at 7:45 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Planning Board for a proposed amendment to Section 159-31A of the Planning Board Rules and Regulations regarding buffers. A copy of the proposed amendment can be obtained from the Planning Office or the Town Clerk's Office.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Agawam Planning Board

Published: September 4, 1997

Best local news...

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, September 8th: Chicken supreme, potato friers, cole slaw, rye bread, peaches.

Tuesday, September 9th: Meatballs & ziti, apple juice, tossed salad, garlic bread, mixed fruit.

Wednesday, September 10th: Meatloaf with onion gravy, baked potatoes, peas and mushrooms, whole wheat bread, baked custard.

Thursday, September 11th: BBQ ribs, three-bean salad, potato wedges, pumpkin bread, applesauce.

Friday, September 12th: Baked fish, baked beans, yellow squash, rye bread, pears.

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Alzheimer's Care Can Be Found At New Cardinal Dr. Facility

A one-of-a-kind assisted living residence is scheduled to open in mid-September. The Atrium, located at 153 Cardinal Drive in Agawam, is the only one of its kind in this area - an entire assisted living residential facility devoted to caring for those with Alzheimer's disease and other memory disorders.

Its unique design is the result of years of investigation and gathering information from all parts of the country. Individuals who no longer qualify for home care or for other reasons can no longer stay at home are choosing assisted living as a preferred option over the traditional nursing home setting.

The Atrium is designed to house a total of 56 residents, and the focus is one based on a behavioral model rather than a medical one. Engaging individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders in a daily routine consisting of personal care, healthy eating, and encouraging active participation in activities centered around music, art, pet therapy, and gardening will stimulate the mind and at the same time provide a safe, warm, and nurturing environment.

When home care isn't able to offer all that is needed, and a nursing home provides too much, assisted living is the best option for most.

Residents have to meet certain physical criteria before being accepted into assisted living care. In particular, they need to be ambulatory. In order to guarantee the fullest benefit of all The Atrium has to offer, an evaluation is part of the admittance process once the caregiver decides on this as the best option for their loved one.

Assisted living is the fastest growing option when home care is no longer appropriate, and the need continues to increase. For the estimated one out of five individuals aged 84 and older who suffer from some form of dementia, The Atrium offers special benefits.

Individuals in this environment typically are not able to make decisions for themselves due to the progression of the dementia, and will receive personal care and individual attention from a trained staff of caregivers whose goal is to keep the residents as functional as possible.

The well-defined living areas and unique design of The Atrium, as well as the use of simple, clear communication techniques are intended to eliminate unnecessary confusion. Twenty-four hour-a-day supervision in an access-controlled environment, nurses on staff, a full complement of personal care services, medication monitoring, meals and snacks, and a wide variety of activities and social events open up a new world of opportunity for individuals with memory impairments.

For more information on The Atrium as an option of care, call (413) 821-9911.

best local news...



AMY J. DEVANSKI & MICHAEL C. HEBERT

Amy Joy Devanski Is Engaged To Wed Michael Craig Hebert

Mr. James Devanski of Agawam and Mrs. Pam Desautels of East Longmeadow are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Joy, to Michael Craig Hebert. He is the son of Robert and Deborah Hebert of Chicopee.

Amy is a 1991 graduate of Agawam High School and Springfield Technical Community College.

Michael is a 1990 graduate of Chicopee High School and Holyoke Community College.

They are both employed by Northeast Spec. Corp.

The couple are planning a November 1, 1997 wedding at Holy Name Church in Chicopee, with a reception following at Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills.

Shopping Trip To Fall River Planned For Saturday, September 27th

A Fall River shopping trip is planned for Saturday, September 27th. Shop at Vanity Fair and downtown Fall River outlets.

The bus will leave Ludlow High School Parking Lot (via Penny Express) at 7:15 a.m. and will return



CORI ANNE ARDO & MARC A. ST. ONGE

Cori Anne Ardo Is Engaged To Wed Marc A. St. Onge

Norman V. and Frances E. Ardo of Utica, New York, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cori Anne, to Marc A. St. Onge, son of Edward and Gisela St. Onge of Peterson Circle, Feeding Hills.

The future bride is a 1993 graduate of Whitesboro High School and a 1997 graduate of Western New England College. She is presently employed at Kindercare Learning Center in Manchester, Connecticut.

Marc is a 1991 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1996 graduate of Western New England College. He is currently employed at General Signal Electrical Group in Farmington, Connecticut.

A June 6, 1998 wedding is planned.

at approximately 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$20. Deadline for reservations is September 15th.

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The Agawam Senior Games Athletes will be sponsoring a car wash and tag sale on Saturday, September 6th to be held at the Agawam Senior Center from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Senior Center Plans Golf Tournament For Friday, Sept. 19th

The Agawam Senior Center will be holding its second Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, September 19th. Proceeds will go to the refurbishing the Center.

There will be a shotgun start at 12:00 noon at the Agawam Country Club. A \$35 contribution covers greens fees, cart, and lunch. Fran Johnson Nevada Bob's will sponsor a Hole-In-One contest with a new set of clubs as the prize.

For more information, call Richard Mundo at 786-0400, ext. 242.

Laborer Appreciation Day Held By Riverside Park For Workers

More than 900 local contractors and workers attended Riverside Park's Laborer Appreciation Day on Labor Day, Monday, September 1st. Riverside honored the contractors and workers who contributed to making the 1997 Capital Expansion Project a success.

With over \$30 million in recent renovations, Riverside employed numerous local contractors to complete the improvements. "The local contractors and vendors are sincerely appreciative that Riverside has taken all the steps necessary to ensure that local workers were involved in the renovation project," said Kurt Toomey, Project Manager for the Capital Expansion Project. "The economic impact for the entire region is enormous."

The local laborers have been the cornerstone of Riverside's transformation into New England's New SuperPark. "These workers are some of the most skilled craftsmen in the country. The quality of work and the commitment to detail is evident with every project completed this year. If you haven't been to Riverside lately, you haven't been at all; the transformation and the quality is outstanding," stated Bill Muirheard, General Manager of Riverside Park.

Representatives from both Riverside Park and the subcontracted companies recognized the capital expansion efforts in a short ceremony which started at 12:30 p.m. in the newly renovated Picnic Grove on September 1st. A fully catered Laborer Appreciation Picnic followed.

Bid on great prizes, ranging from vacations to a pizza party, at the seventh annual Bishops' Reception and Silent Auction, Friday, Sept. 12th, 7:00-10:00 p.m., at Mount Saint Vincent Nursing Home, 35 Holy Family Rd, Holyoke.

The event is a benefit for the Extended Care Network of the Sisters of Providence Health System (SPHS). Proceeds will support programs and activities for residents of Beaven Kelly Home, Holyoke; the Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing Care, West Springfield; Mapleview Nursing Home, Washington, MA; Mount Saint Vincent Nursing Home; Saint Luke's Home, Springfield; and Spruce Manor Nursing Home, Springfield.

22News reporter and movie critic Sy Becker will be the master of ceremonies. Guests of honor Bishop Thomas L. Dupre, Bishop of Springfield; and Bishop Joseph F. Maguire, Bishop Emeritus of Springfield, will be joined by Olympic gold medalist Tim Daggett, who is serving as honorary chairman for the event.

Auction items include week-long vacations at Hilton Head Island and Nantucket, lunches with Senator Brian Lees, Springfield Mayor Michael Albano, and Holyoke Mayor Daniel Szostkiewicz, golf lessons, Tanglewood lawn passes, health club memberships, gift baskets, a private winery tour for 10, and more. The reception will also feature delectable hot and cold hors d'oeuvres.

Tickets are \$35 per person and are available by calling Kathy Pappas, Director of Fund Development, Extended Care Network, at (413) 748-6999.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 11, 1997 at 7:45 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing is to hear the petition of Helliwell for work to be performed on 174 Southwick Street, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
Published: September 4, 1997

Car Wash On September 6th Planned To Benefit Pietroniro Family

A car wash to benefit the Pietroniro family will take place on Saturday, September 6th, at Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$3 per car, but additional donations will be gladly accepted.

Michael Pietroniro is an engaging 11 year-old who suffers from severe epilepsy. For the past 10 years, Michael has had over 100 hospitalizations, nine brain surgeries, and has tried every drug available in the United States and Canada.

Six years ago, he became the first child in the world to receive a Vagual Stimulator implant to stop the 40 to 50 seizures he suffers from daily. Unfortunately, like all of the anti-seizure medications, the Vagual Stimulator also failed to stop the devastating seizures.

When he was eight, Michael underwent 12 hours of surgery to remove a large portion of his

brain. Doctors hoped this would put an end to his seizures. The surgery left him paralyzed on the left side of his body and blind in his right eye.

Michael continues to have daily seizures despite all he's been through. But his family refuses to give up hope that one day he will be seizure-free. Their hope now takes them to Paris, France. Michael's doctor at Boston Children's Hospital has made an opportunity available to try a new drug that is currently used in France and Japan.

Michael is a true inspiration to all who know him. He is the son of Vincent and Carol Pietroniro of Feeding Hills. He has two older sisters, Kimberly and Jennifer, and a younger brother, Jimmy.

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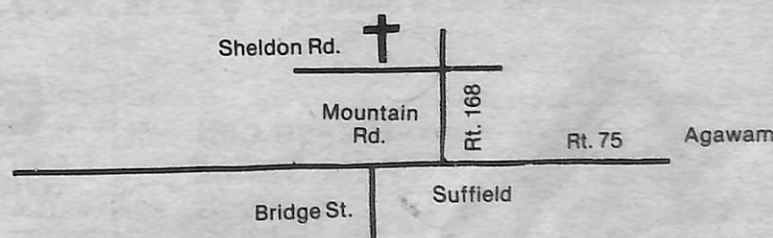
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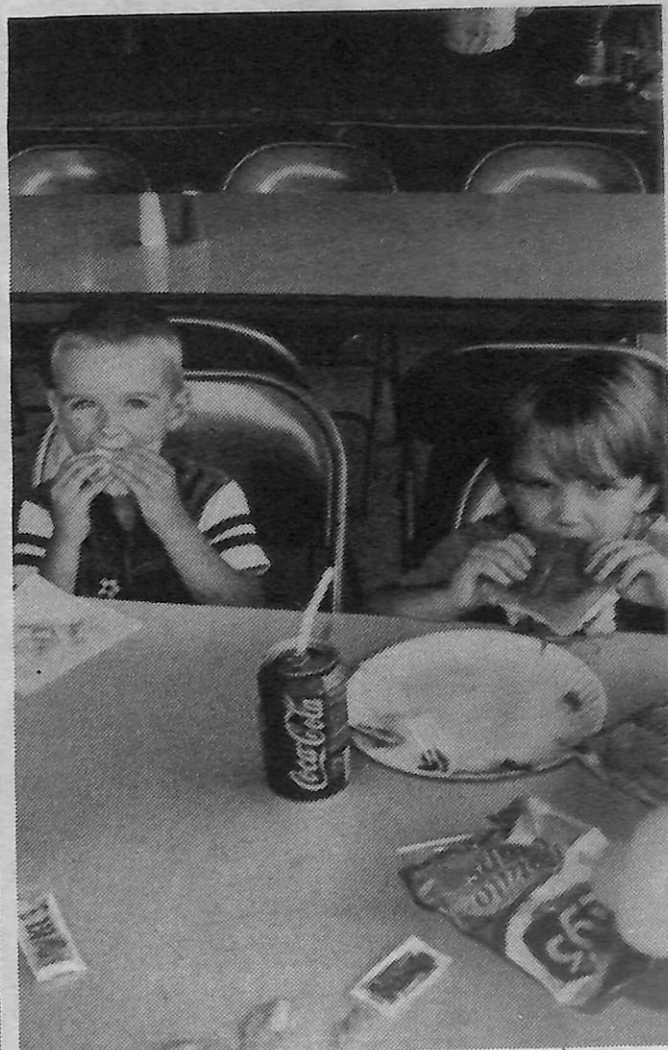
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Church News

St. John's Holds Annual Parish Picnic



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH held its Annual Family Picnic on Sunday, August 24th at the VFW pavilion. From left - members of the Ransom Family - Jim, Deb, and Christina, with MaryAnn Greene; IN MIDDLE PHOTO, the Quinn girls, Sharon and Mary, enjoy their picnic lunch; in photo right, the Howard guys, Nick and Shane, were really, really enjoying their lunch. RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE.

Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Weekly Calendar From First Baptist

Pastor Richard Barnes' sermon topic this Sunday, September 7th, at First Baptist Church will be "Labor of Love," with scriptural references to Proverbs 2:1-8. Worship begins at 9:30 a.m.

Assisting him in the worship leadership will be Glenn Rennell leading the Responsive Reading. Glenn is also the Deacon of the Month.

Greeters for the morning will be Linda Scheve and Harry and Betty Durant.

Nursery care is available. A social hour will follow worship in Davis Hall.

Caring Connection contacts for the month of September are Sharon Hodge and Hope Paradysz.

The church's newly-formed men's group had its first meeting of the season on September 2nd at the home of Doug Grabowski. Mark McLaughlin shared the experiences of his recent trip to the Northwest National Parks area.

This group will meet monthly on the first Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. All men of the church are invited to attend.

On our calendar this week:
Monday, September 8th: 7:00 p.m., Explorer Scout Leaders meet; 7:30 p.m., Bible Study (Sharon Grabowski, hostess).
Tuesday, September 9th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group.

Wednesday, September 10th: 7:15 a.m., MidWeek Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open; 7:30 p.m., Church Committee.

Thursday, September 11th: "Over 60's Group" leaves for annual retreat to Maine; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

Saturday, September 13th: 10:00 a.m., Rehearsal for Rally Day.

Baptism classes for youth and young adults will begin on September 20th at 1:00 p.m. in the Youth Room in Worthington Hall.

For more information, call Donna Modzelewski, tel. 786-2985, or Steve Bailey, tel. 739-8766.

Catholic Women's Club To Meet Sept. 8

The first meeting of the St. John's Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will be their annual Silver Tea to be held at the Parish Center, 833 Main Street on September 8th at 8:00 p.m.

Chairwoman for this event is Theresa Longo. Assisting her will be Kay Capitanio and Adele Gallano. Guest speaker will be nutritionist Betti

Boggis, a Big Y Customer Service Representative.

Catholic Women's Club's new slate of officers are: Betsy Ciempa, President; Carol Pignatari, 1st Vice President; Theresa Long, 2nd Vice President; Alice Buell, Secretary; Joan Malinoski, Treasurer; and Martha Jerry, Assistant Treasurer.

Board of Directors include Eleanor Balboni, Gloria Colby, and Barbara Pfau. Reverend Howard McCormick serves as Chaplain and spiritual adviser.

President Betsy Ciempa invites women who are members of any Agawam Catholic Church to attend.

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How To Feel "Truly" Rich

John D. Rockefeller was once asked, "How much money does a person need to feel truly rich?" At the time Mr. Rockefeller was asked this question, he was the richest person on the entire planet. "About a nickel more than he's got," was his reply. The rich man's comment revealed an astute perception about human nature: we are built in such a way as to never be fully satisfied with what we can achieve.

How many of us are completely satisfied with our lives? Do any of us have all that we want? Are any of us fully content within ourselves? Are we, or anybody we know, at a place in life where we don't need or want to grow anymore? Most likely not. If we were, one might suggest we have set our sights too low.

There are some people who can only sense hopelessness and despair from the restlessness of the human soul. They seek satisfaction from this world, or from the people of this world. But satisfaction eludes them, and they become angry or depressed because of their frustration.

Years ago, there was a popular song entitled "Looking For Love In All The Wrong Places." It was a great song with a timeless truth. We've all known people who have a tendency to try to satisfy their legitimate needs in the wrong way.

Psalm 146 warns us, "Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps faith forever."

On Sunday evening, August 31st, actor Willie Aames appeared at the Paramount Theatre in Springfield. Some people remember Willie Aames from his days on "Eight Is Enough," others may recall him from "Charles In Charge," or perhaps one of his six feature films.

Willie Aames was the epitome of success. By any account, he had everything any man could want. He enjoyed success in a fascinating career. He dated beautiful models and Hollywood starlets.

By the time he was 19 years-old, he was earning a million dollars a year. To all outward appearances, Willie Aames was on top of the world. But on the inside, however, Willie Aames' world was a lonely and pointless experience.

Like so many, Willie Aames tried desperately to satisfy the longings of his soul with worldly tonics. By his own admission, he tried alcohol, drugs, and illicit relationships. In so doing, he was not much different from many of his Hollywood peers.

Aames was "looking for love in all the wrong places." But rather than give up to the emptiness of it all, he pressed on. Finally, out of a combination of desperation and sheer exhaustion, he cried out to God to help him.

Willie Aames discovered in his own personal experience that **the Lord sets the prisoner free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.**

When Willie Aames accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, he accepted and received the peace and contentment in his heart which the world had tried, but simply could not, give him.

Willie Aames remains in the acting business. He has embraced a new mission and role. He makes children's movies and tours the country as "Bibleman," a Batman-like character he created.

No doubt he earns only a fraction of what he used to make. But he is richer now than he ever was before; he's happy and satisfied now.

Adoration Society
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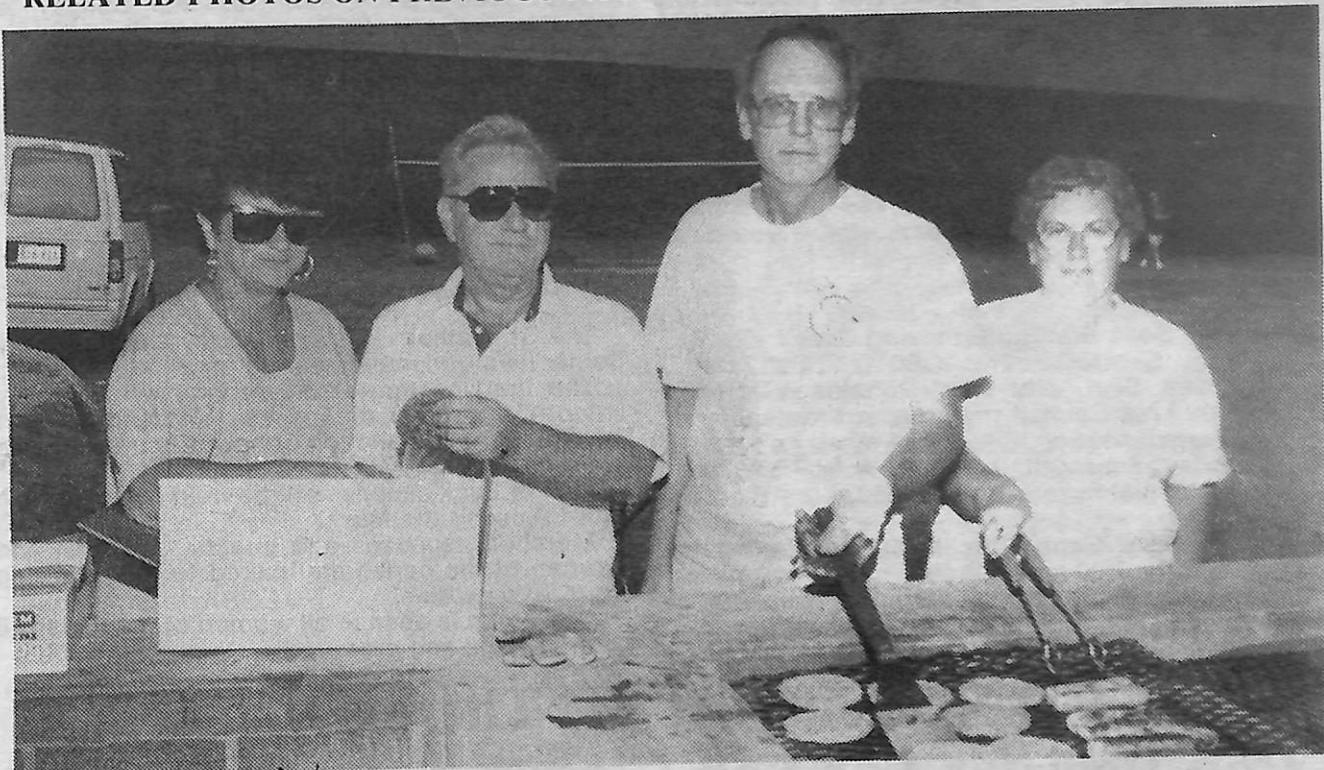
The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint John the Evangelist Church in Agawam to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday, September 5th from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

Happy Faces At St. John's Family Picnic



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH in Agawam Center held its Annual Family Picnic on August 24th at the VFW pavilion. IN TOP PHOTO, from left - some of the volunteer crew included Jack Morin, Bob Zajac, Dan Sullivan, Mary Kate Zajac, Bob Zajac, and Ed Coffey. IN PHOTO BELOW, working the grill were Liz Fairlie, Wil Fairlie, Bernie Paine, and Marcia Paine. RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Welcomes

Tara E. Delskey — To Our Teaching Staff



The Mary Ann Studio of Dance is proud to announce a new addition to their teaching staff, Tara E. Delskey. Tara first started her dancing career with Mary Ann when she was three years old. She danced with Mary Ann for 14 years. During that time she worked her way up to a teacher's aide, then to assistant teacher. Tara also danced in Choreography Group at the Agawam High School, where she was also chosen to be in Select Choreography/Show Choir Group. Tara graduated from Bay Path College with a degree in fashion merchandising/business. There she was in the Dance Group throughout her college career. Today Tara manages her family's business, Bancroft Bridals in Agawam. She oversees all duties and developments of the store such as buying, sales, alterations, fashion shows, and promotions. Tara recently traveled around the country for four months for a modeling agency in New York City. Tara was scouting for the next supermodel to walk the runways of New York and Paris. Tara is looking forward to rejoining the staff at Mary Ann's and meeting her new students.

Church News - continued...

News And Notes From Feeding Hills Congregational Church

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

The Service of Worship hour begins at 10:00 A.M. Lectionary readings for Sunday, September 7 are Proverbs, 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23, Psalm 125; or Isaiah 35:4-7a, Psalm 146; James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17; Mark 7:24-37.

This Sunday is Rally Sunday, the start of the Sunday School year. Church youth will participate in a special service which will include a Dedication of Teachers as well as Holy Communion. Children should attend worship with their parents; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Volunteers are needed to make desserts for the Open Pantry on Wednesday, September 10th. If you are able to make a dessert (brownies, sheet cake, cookies, etc.), please have your contribution to the church kitchen by noon on Wednesday. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Griswold Hall.

Activities involving The Big E Project and this church are well underway. There's been much cleaning and moving happening here at church and at The Big E as well. Although the fair does not officially open until September 12th, our first big event happens on the day before that.

You can still help out by serving breakfast on September 11th or helping with meals each day of the fair. Help is needed with preparation, serving, and clean-up. Please call the church office at 786-5061 or Matt Granger at 569-5884 if you are interested in helping. There are just a few spots left for you!

By the time you read this you should have received your September newsletter. If you have not, please call the office.

On the calendar:

Friday, Sept. 5th: Big E moving day
Sunday, September 7th: 10:00 a.m., Rally Day
Monday, Sept. 8th: Rev. Donaldson attends Western Area Council meeting at Warner Farm. (No Council meeting.)
Tuesday, Sept. 9th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m. Stewardship/Missions Board; 7:30 p.m., Finance Committee
Wednesday, Sept. 10th: Desserts needed for Open Pantry; 7:00 p.m., Choir
Thursday, Sept. 11th: Herdsman's Breakfast at Big E
Friday, Sept. 12th: Big E begins

New CCD Students At St. Theresa's Can Register For Fall Classes

New CCD students at St. Theresa's Church in Agawam should register after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, September 6th or September 13th, or the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 7th or September 14th.

Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, September 7th, is Communion Sunday at Agawam Congregational Church. The fall schedule resumes with the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Rev. Fuller's sermon will be "The Healer of Our Hearts," taken from Text: Mark 7:24-30. His children's message will be "Building Blocks."

This week, we welcome our new Minister of Music, Ellen Cogan.

Church School begins this Sunday, September 7th, at 9:15 a.m. for grades seven through 12, and at 10:30 a.m. for kindergarten through grade six. The Church School will be using the "Whole People of God." This highly praised program will be used for every age group.

The teachers for this year's Church School are: three year-olds, Amanda Tilden; four year-olds and kindergarten, Witney & Dean Brust and Cindy & Steve Lemire; first grade, Jeanne Lewis, Lisa Patnode, Dolores Martin, and Laura Paul.

Second and third grade, Neil Ellsworth and Debbie Most; fourth grade, David Bertagnolli and Gay McDyer; fifth grade, Steve Tapply and Sue Wells; seventh and eighth grade, Suanne Hansen; ninth grade, Rev. Fuller; and 10th through the 12th grade, Cindy Arnold and Andy Pedersen.

Church School Superintendent is Lindelee Davis, and Asst. Supt. is Suanne Hansen. Christian Education Chairperson is Steve Tapply, and the Christian Education Director is Dan Pender.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is macaroni and cheese.

Items collected each week are donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

St. Anthony's Holy Rosary Society To Meet On Sept. 9th

The St. Anthony of Padua Church Holy Rosary Society will resume meetings on September 9th.

The first meeting of the season will begin by celebrating a Mass on Tuesday, September 9th at 6:00 p.m. The installation of new officers will take place at the Mass.

A "Pot Luck" supper will be held in the church hall following the Mass.

Members, spouses and guests, and men and women of the parish are invited to attend. Bring your favorite dish.

The group is open to all women of the parish 18 years of age and over.

The CCD program will begin the season with a Mass at 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 22nd.

Registration for all students will take place following Mass.

Sacred Heart Youth Group To Hold Mtg. On September 7th

Students in grades five and up are invited to join the Sacred Heart Youth Group on Sunday, September 7th, for its first monthly meeting of the new school year. The meeting will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Center on Springfield Street, and students from all Christian denominations are welcome to join us as we get acquainted and plan activities for the upcoming year.

The Youth Group, under the leadership of Alma Benton and Beth O'Neill, has been established to provide youths with a fun way of developing a sense of community and fellowship. Meetings are held the first Sunday evening of each month throughout the school year, in addition to planned group activities such as movie nights, bowling, miniature golf, and community projects.

If you'd like to meet some new friends and learn all about our Youth Group, then plan to join us on September 7th — we look forward to meeting you! For more information, please call Alma Benton at 786-9835 or Beth O'Neill at 786-0158.

Huge Tag & Craft Sale At Sacred Heart On Saturday, Sept. 13th

On Saturday, September 13th, there will be a huge tag and craft sale in the parking lot of Sacred Heart Church.

Many people will be offering a variety of items for sale. There will also be a bake sale, and refreshments will be available throughout the day.

Time of the sale is 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; in case of rain, the sale will be held the next day, Sunday, September 14th, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

It is not too late to rent a spot. Call 786-8200 if you are interested in renting.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 18, 1997 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board for a proposed amendment to Article I of the Zoning Cod of Agawam, Sections 180-2, Definitions and Word Usage, and 180-8, Supplementary Regulations, regarding membrane structures. A copy of the proposed zoning amendment can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office.

BY ORDER OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
 Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
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Spotlight On Business



LAURIE SAVAS, manager of Longmeadow Flowers' Feeding Hills location, is busy making preparations for "Good Neighbor Day" on Wednesday, September 10th. She said, "Good Neighbor Day" is the perfect opportunity to do a little something nice for the people who mean so much to you in your life." On "Good Neighbor Day," receive one dozen free roses if you promise to give 11 away to people you care about. Keep one for yourself, of course. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Longmeadow Flowers In F.H. Center Participating In "Good Neighbor Day"

This September 10th, for the second year, residents of the Greater Springfield Area will have a unique opportunity to meet each other and develop new friendships when Longmeadow Flowers, Inc. hosts FTD "Good Neighbor Day."

Beginning at 9:00 a.m., Longmeadow Flowers, at all three locations, including Feeding Hills Center, will give away 3,000 roses in bunches of a dozen, absolutely free to anyone who visits the shops.

Free roses will be available at participating FTD florists only.

There is a catch. Brad Parker, owner of Longmeadow Flowers, Inc., hopes the goodwill is exactly that—"catching." Those picking up the roses will be asked to keep one for themselves and give the others away to 11 different people, in the process of getting acquainted or renewing a

friendship.

Mr. Parker hopes that every visitor to Longmeadow Flowers will make 11 new friends in their community on September 10th, and in doing so, help create a friendlier, more caring, and compassionate world.

"Good Neighbor Day" is being celebrated throughout the United States and Canada as a day of goodwill to all people. Sponsored internationally by FTD and locally by Longmeadow Flowers, Inc., the day celebrates the "power of a flower" to help forge new friendships and promote neighborliness.

It is expected that millions of roses will be given away this "Good Neighbor Day." Traditionally held to be a symbol of friendship and love, the rose is America's national floral symbol.

James LaFromboise Of F.H. Is Named "1997 Massachusetts Worker Of The Year"

To honor hardworking people everywhere, Dickies Workwear is proud to introduce its 1997 state and national winners in the sixth Annual American Worker of the Year Awards.

James LaFromboise, 34, a lumber company worker from Feeding Hills, is the 1997 Massachusetts Worker of the Year. He was nominated by his wife, Joanne, who wrote, "He works 60-plus hours a week for a local lumber company, loading trucks, moving sheet rock, bricks, etc. Not only is my husband a dedicated worker who provides for his family, but also a real American who still believes in instilling good values and morals in our [four] children."

State winners will receive over \$500 in cash and prizes. Each of the two national winners will receive a 1998 full-size Chevy Silverado pickup truck.

National winners for 1997 are Joyce Barlow, 42, a grocery store worker in Longs, South Carolina and 34-year-old Ralph Magliochette, a Pembroke Pines, Florida dock terminal supervisor. For the past three years, the national winners have been introduced on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" on Labor Day.

The state and national winners were selected from thousands of entries from across the nation. Entrants were asked to write 75 words or less

about why their nominee deserves recognition as an American worker.

"Reading all the entries each year reaffirms what we've always believed about American workers," says Jon Ragsdale, director of marketing for the 75-year-old workwear company. "Sometimes we think we have the toughest job of all—picking just one person from each state."

Mr. Magliochette was nominated by his wife, who praised him for running her Avon business for a year while she recovered from a serious injury. Susan Magliochette wrote, "I was number one in my district with Avon. Ralph took over my job and kept me at number one. While Ralph attended to both jobs, he took care of our children, the house, and me."

Mrs. Barlow won with this entry from her husband, a quadriplegic, who wrote, "In 1988, she had to start wearing the pants in the family. I was in a car wreck and I broke my neck. Taking care of me is a job in itself. She got a job with Food Lion as a cashier. But she worked hard and got into management. She really deserves more than I could ever give her."

In addition to the truck, Mr. Magliochette and Mrs. Barlow will each receive a trip for two to Nashville for the awards ceremony, broadcast live on the Grand Ole Opry October 10th.

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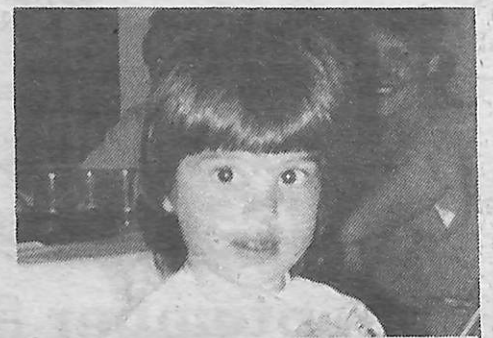
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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Joey's Pub Opens At Springfield Street



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AUCTION SALE UNCLAIMED BICYCLES AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Agawam Police Department being the holder of unclaimed bicycles will sell at public auction Saturday, September 6th, at 10:00 a.m. at 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, Massachusetts to the highest bidder, single units. Terms cash in accordance with MA General Laws Chapter No. 135, Sections 7 & 8.

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Legal Memo

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The Fair Employment Practices Act

The Fair Employment Practices Act is found at Chapter 151B of the Massachusetts General Laws and was enacted in 1946. At that time only discrimination on the basis of race, religion, and national origin or ancestry were prohibited.

Today, Chapter 151B is an extremely broad statute reaching virtually every aspect of the employment relationship. The law governs the conduct of employers, employment agencies, and labor organizations in job advertisements or solicitations, hiring, discharge, compensation, or any other term or condition of employment, membership rights in a labor organization, and record keeping.

Discrimination on the basis of race, color, religious creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, age, or handicap status is prohibited. Sexual harassment also is prohibited as are certain pre-employment inquiries regarding criminal history and prior psychiatric hospitalization.

The law prohibits any person from aiding, abetting, inciting, compelling, or coercing the doing of any act prohibited by Chapter 151B; or from coercing, interfering, intimidating, or threatening another in the exercise of rights protected by the Chapter. It is also illegal to retaliate against an individual because of his opposition to prohibited practices or participation in Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) proceedings.

The statute provides a comprehensive enforcement scheme with provisions for both administrative enforcement in an adjudicatory proceeding and a private right of action in court. The MCAD is charged with primary enforcement responsibility; it has both investigatory and adjudicatory powers.

Gino Vignato Of Agawam Chosen For New Program At C&S Wholesale

C&S Wholesale Grocers has announced the appointment of an Agawam man to its Supervisor in Training Program. Gino Vignato of Agawam will receive both on-the-job training and classroom development in preparation for a supervisory position within the company as openings become available in the future.

Vignato's outstanding performance and group leadership abilities were among the reasons he was chosen for the new program. He has been with C&S since 1995 and has held the positions of

All complaints alleging a violation of Chapter 151B must commence with the filing of a complaint with the MCAD. Absent tolling of the statute for some reason, failure to file a charge with MCAD within six months of the discriminatory event is fatal to the claim.

After filing, the complaining party either may remove the matter from the MCAD and institute a civil action in Superior Court, or remain at the MCAD for an administrative adjudicatory process. Claims in court must be filed within three years of the discriminatory event even if the charge is still pending at the MCAD.

Thus, a complainant who wants to proceed in court must affirmatively remove the case from the MCAD within that time period or lose the option. Loss of the option can be serious, since only a court is empowered to award punitive damages (or, in age cases, multiple damages). Many litigants are unaware of these deadlines, and so fail adequately to preserve their rights to a judicial forum to hear the merits of their claims.

Virtually all private employers in Massachusetts who employ six or more persons are subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 151B. Public employers are included regardless of the number of people employed. Only social clubs or fraternal associations that are nonprofit are exempt. Religious institutions and charitable or educational organizations operated by religious organizations are within the scope of Chapter 151B, although some of their employment-related actions are protected from scrutiny.

Where two parties share control over an individual's employment they may be considered joint employers and held jointly and severally liable for violations of Chapter 151B. Typically, the joint employer theory is applicable where an individual is paid by one party to perform work under contract for another.

The Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination in *Stanley v. Gillette Co.*, 2 Mass. Discrim. L. Rep. 1203 (1980) recognized the joint employer theory and adopted the standard used by the National Labor Relations Board. A finding of joint employer liability rests upon a factual determination of such factors as whether that employer has control over the employee's work or directs the employee in the details of work, and whether that employer has the authority to discharge the employee. The issuance of a paycheck is only one factor and is not determinative.

Selector and Trainer. Prior to joining C&S, Vignato spent eight years in the military.

C&S Wholesale Grocers Inc., a privately held firm based in Brattleboro, Vermont, is the fifth-largest wholesaler and distributor of food and grocery products in the nation. C&S supplies groceries to supermarkets on the East Coast from its Brattleboro headquarters and from additional warehouse facilities located in North Hatfield, Westfield, and Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

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Plateaus While Losing Pounds

by Garen Stoehr
Fitness First's Fitness Director

I have heard it over and over, "I have lost a few pounds, but I just can't lose anymore." It's like the bad dream of running away from something horrible, but no matter how hard you run, your body does not go anywhere. This is known as a plateau and is as common as the changing of the tides.

In order to maintain your climb toward your goal you must first try to determine the possible causes of the plateau. Did you check your diet? Our society is better at watching fat, but we are heavier than we have ever been, and that is due to excess calories.

Suppose that your caloric intake was 1,900 calories and you lost seven pounds before reaching your plateau. It may be that your body is now using the 1,900 calories to maintain its weight. You must re-evaluate your diet and slightly decrease your caloric intake again. It's important to know that minimal caloric intake for a woman is approximately 1,200 calories, while the minimum for men is roughly 1,500.

If diet is not the answer, you must consider increasing the time you spend being active. Weight training is an excellent way of increasing your metabolism. The more muscle one has, the higher the metabolism. A word of caution; you must be careful of overtraining. It is demanding on the body and can make you more susceptible to injury.

An easy way to balance intake from expenditure is to multiply your goal weight by 10 calories per pound. The more active you are, the more calories you can consume, although you must be realistic. You should make your first goal 30 minutes of moderate activity five times per week and increase duration and intensity over time. Make the activity something you enjoy if you plan to accomplish your goal.

Support Group For Children With Parents Who Have Cancer

Learning that your parent has cancer is difficult for children of all ages. But discovering you're not alone and sharing your feelings and concerns with others in the same situation can help.

Children of cancer patients now have that opportunity, through a new support group at Mercy Hospital. The group's next meeting will take place Monday, Sept. 15th, 7:00 p.m. in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center.

Meetings are led by skilled facilitators from Mercy Hospital's Pastoral Care Department and are free of charge. Persons of all ages are welcome.

For more information, call the Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453.

West Spfld.-Agawam La Leche League To Meet September 15th

If you have considered breastfeeding your baby, but have questions about this womanly art, contact the West Springfield-Agawam La Leche League.

This month's meeting will be held on Monday, September 15th at 7:30 p.m., at the Grace Lutheran Church.

The discussion for the evening will include encouragement and information on how to establish a happy nursing relationship.

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Better Breathers Support Group: **Monday, September 8th, 2:00 p.m.** Noble Hospital Coffee Shop. Free group co-sponsored by the Lung Association.

Stroke Support Group: **Wednesday, September 10th and Wednesday, September 24th, 5:30-6:30 p.m.** Dining Room of the Bronson Rehabilitation Center.

Diabetes: **Tuesday, September 23rd, 1:00 p.m.** Conference Room A. Speaker will be Jessica Billger, Registered Dietitian at Noble Hospital, "Carb Counting: The Next Step."

Crohn's and Colitis: **Tuesday, September 16th, 7:00 p.m.** Conference Room A. Misha Kogan, M.D. Director of Anesthesiology and Pain Clinic at Noble Hospital. Free of charge and open to people suffering from Crohn's or Colitis and their support persons.

Dr. Steve Sobel To Present Two Major Seminars

Dr. Steve Sobel, nationally recognized speaker and founder of The New England Institute For Stress Management of Longmeadow, will be presenting two major seminars at the Holiday Inn in Holyoke.

On September 23rd, the program, "KEYS TO CREATING MORE LAUGHTER, JOY AND FULFILLMENT IN YOUR LIFE," will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fee is \$18 per person or two for \$30.

On October 15th, the program, "SOAR! SUCCESS AND STRESS REDUCTION STRATEGIES FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO LIVE FULLY, PASSIONATELY and CALMLY," will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Fee is \$25 per person or two for \$40.

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Prevention Is Very Important...

The other day, I was reminded again of how important it is to keep your body in good shape on a regular basis and prevent problems from occurring. I was looking through some x-rays of patients and shocked at how poor the health of their spines were.

The joints were degenerated, the bones out of alignment, and the overall posture was poor. I thought to myself, "If only I had seen these spines before they got to be this bad, it wouldn't be taking so long for their bodies to heal now."

Prevention is very important to a chiropractor. It is much easier to keep a spine functioning and preventing problems than it is to fix the problems once they've occurred.

It's like working with an old car; it's much easier to keep it moving by taking care of it than trying to fix it once it's broken.

So how do you prevent problems from happening? Here are some suggestions:

- **Exercise** — Keep the joints and muscles functioning by maintaining a regular exercise program. Walking is still a great all-around aerobic conditioner. Stretching is also important in order to keep the spine flexible and supple.

- **Eat Correctly** — Food is so important in our diet. Eat wholesome, natural foods and keep away from the junk. Remember, GIGO (garbage in, garbage out).

- **Keep Your Weight Down** — Any extra weight puts pressure on the spine.

- **Good Posture** — Poor posture fatigues the spine quicker and leads to injury sooner.

- **Good Work And Home Habits** — Lift correctly, wear good supportive shoes, and utilize a quality mattress for starters.

- **Chiropractic Care** — Keep the spine functioning on a regular basis by getting it checked periodically. Don't wait for problems to occur; prevent them from happening now.

Dr. Tami Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

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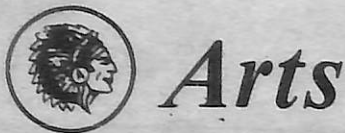
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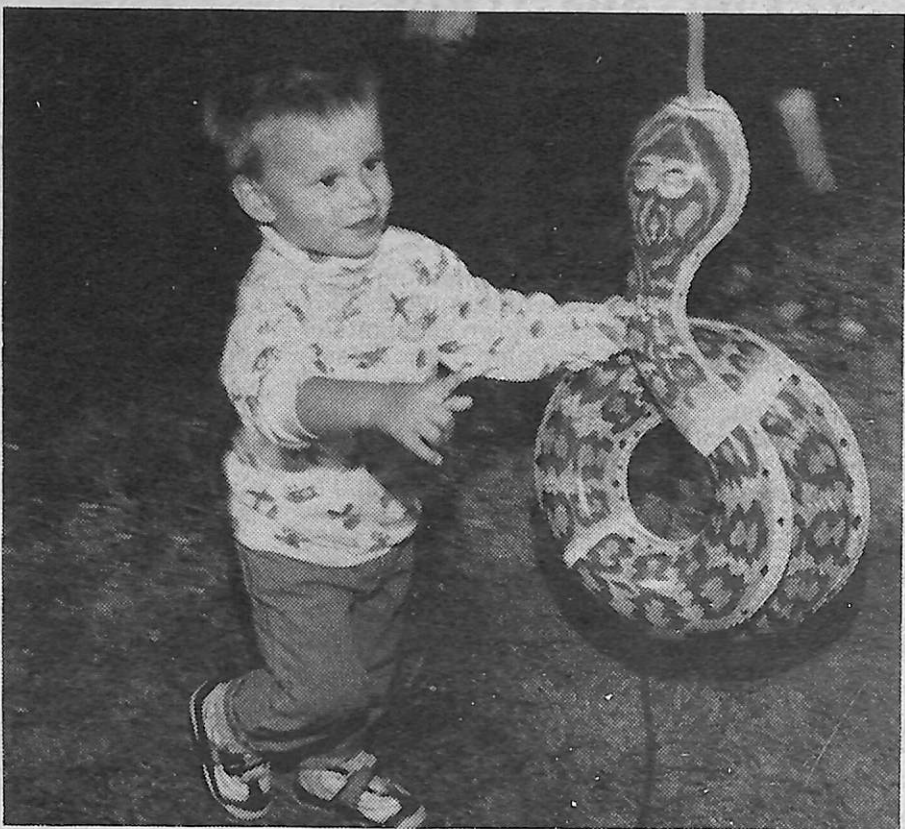
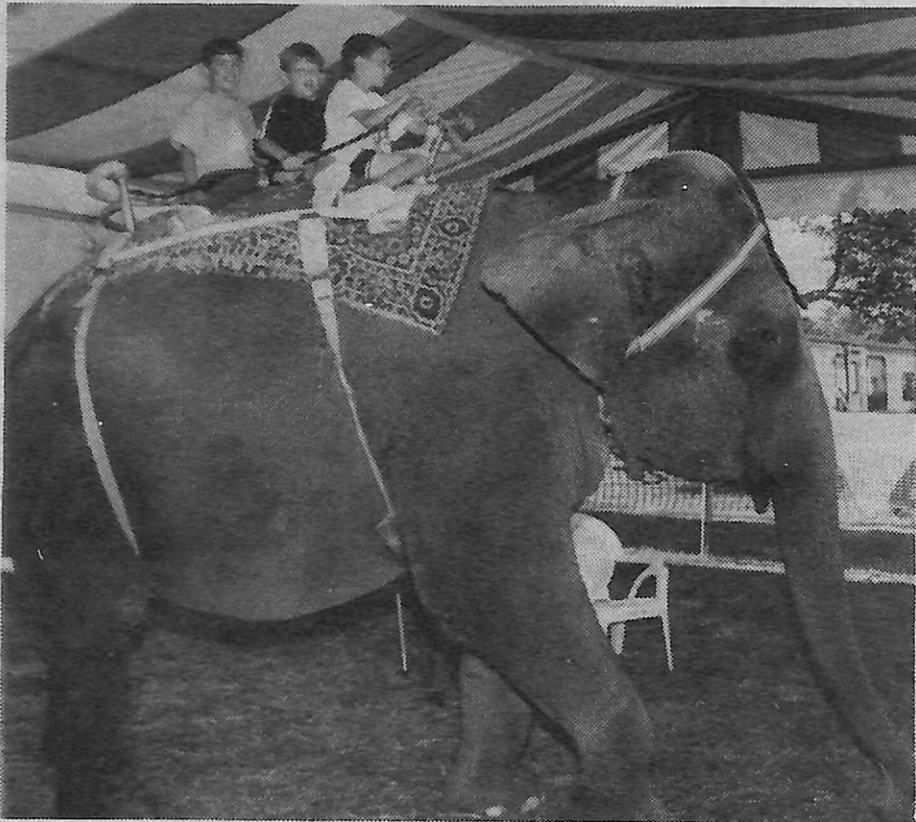
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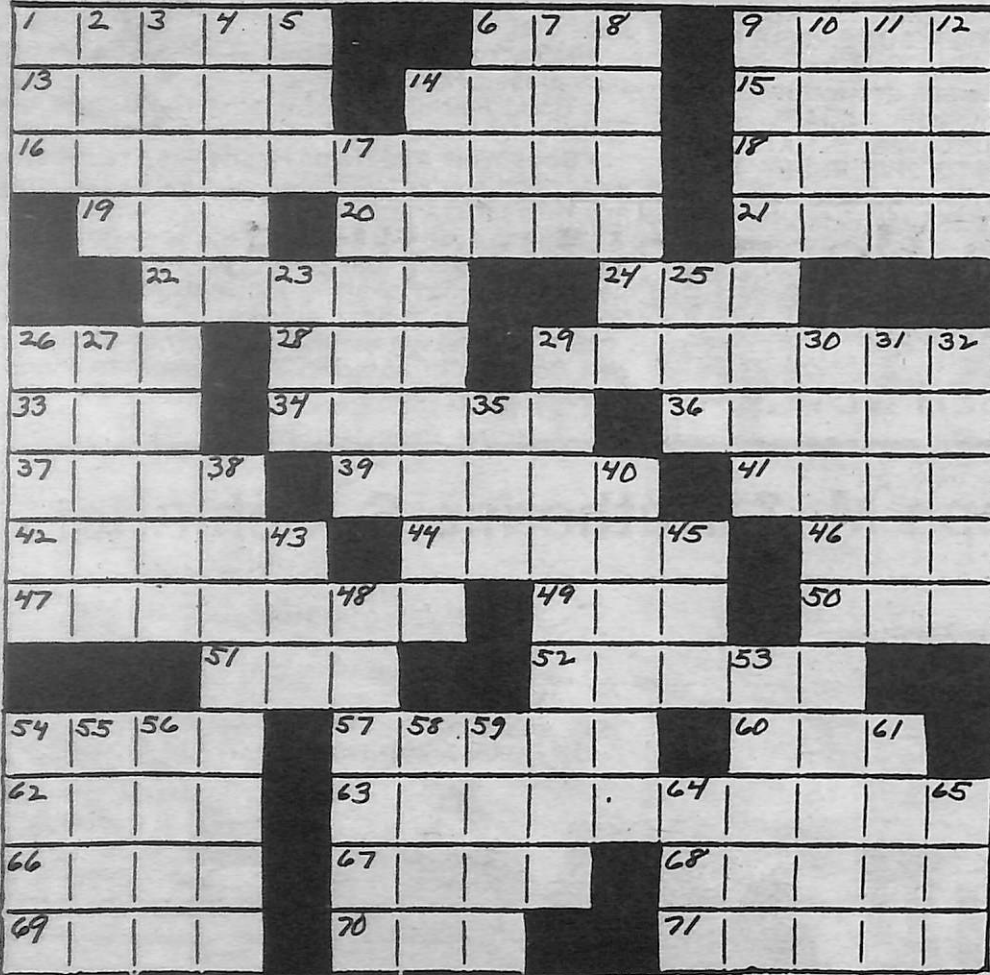
Local Children At Summertime Circus...



THE ROBERTS BROS. CIRCUS brought all the magic of "the big top" to the Polish Club last month. IN LEFT PHOTO: Brian Depray, Adam Lindeland, and Rachel Baptiste get an "elephant's eye" view of the festivities. IN RIGHT PHOTO: two year-old Eriq P. Santos is charmed by a toy snake. Advertiser News

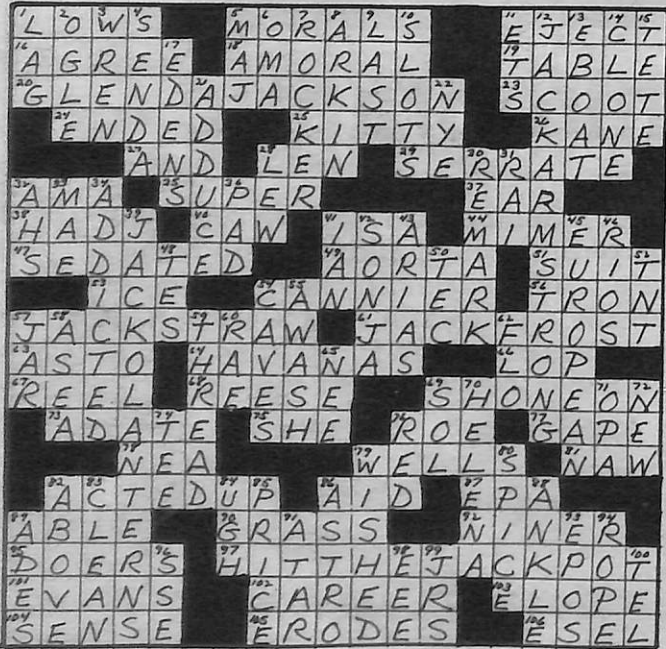
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Best local news...

Westfield Theatre Group To Present "Peter Pandemonium"

The Westfield Theatre Group, a department of the Westfield Woman's Club, will present its third children's musical, "Peter Pandemonium." Written and directed by Kathi Palmer, with musical accompaniment by Shelley Haber, this show features some 25 local children.

Show dates are Friday and Saturday, September 19th and 20th, at 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the Woman's Club, 28 Court Street, Westfield.

The show takes place in Never Land, and features Steve Pierce as Peter Pan, Derek Wood as Captain Hook, and Robert Smart as Smee, his right hand man. Wendy will be portrayed by Courtney Scahill.

Some returning cast members include Katy Whalen, Helen Dunk, Diane Berthiaume, Minna Roussi, Sarah Colson, and Liz Kelly. Some newcomers to the Westfield stage include Janet Federici, Julie Balise, Andy Ott, and Cheryl Kozaczek.

Tickets for the show are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors. We invite you to bring the family along for a fun-filled evening of merriment and make believe.

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Thursday, September 11th: Taco boat with cheese topping, tossed garden salad with creamy dressing, chilled peaches, milk.

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Cub Scout Pack 85 Holding Sign-Ups On Thursday, Sept. 11th

On Thursday, September 11th, Pack 85 will be signing up new members at Agawam United Methodist Church from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Boys who are six through 11 years of age and their families are invited to come over to talk with us and see what we do.

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We visited places like Bright Nights, Channel 22, the Police Station, the Fire Station, Dave's Soda and Pet Food City, and went to a Hartford Pride basketball game. We hiked Mt. Tom and the dinosaur tracks and Robinson Park.

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Middle School Plans First PTO Meeting

The Agawam Middle School will hold its first PTO meeting on Monday, September 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

All parents are invited to attend this meeting. In general, the PTO meetings will be held on the second Monday in each month of this year at 7:00 p.m. in the school's cafeteria (unless the date is affected by a holiday).

Each date will be published in *The Agawam Advertiser* and in the school meal publication. Please mark your calendars with these dates.

We look forward to seeing parents at these meetings so that we can all support the activities our children will be part of during the school year.

Back To School Night Set For Middle School

The Agawam Middle School will hold a "Back To School Night" for parents on Thursday, September 11th, at 7:00 p.m.

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AGAWAM HIGH CHEERLEADERS (above) AND AGAWAM HIGH FOOTBALL PLAYERS (below) held car washes in the Sacred Heart Church parking lot recently (August 16th for the cheerleaders and August 23rd for the football players). Funds from these events will help to defray some of the various costs incurred during the course of the season. Advertiser

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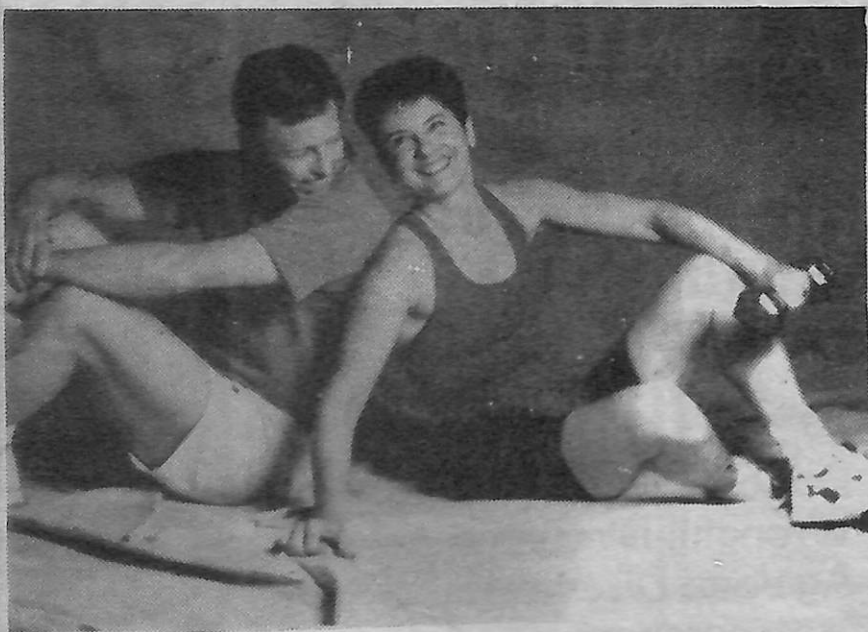


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Sports

ASA Holds 13th Riverside Soccer Classic

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam Soccer Association's Riverside Soccer Classic on Labor Day Weekend ended with semi-finals and championship games on Monday, September 1st.

Over three days, it saw 130 junior soccer league teams, comprised of both boys and girls, ranging from under 10 to the under 14 divisions. They went under names like Ball Hogs, Cobras, Strikers, Raptors, and Nitemares. While the monikers were varied, imaginative, and colorful, the level of play across the board was excellent.

Agawam, as host of the festivities, fielded 20 clubs and was represented in every age group. In the U-10's, it was the Hot Shots and the Booters for the girls. The Shots went 2-2 on Saturday and Sunday. The Booters came away unbeaten at 4-0. They were also unbeaten all last season. Because of Youth Soccer rules, the U-10's can't participate in championship play. So they couldn't strut their stuff in Monday's final rounds.

The Agawam boys' U-10's, The Vipers (2-2), Ball Hogs (1-2-1), Falcons (0-4), and Jaguars (0-4) also played for the pure fun of it, and, according to their various coaches, learned a lot from the competition.

The U-11 girls saw an Agawam team, the Cobras, grab a title in that division. They went through their four preliminary games without giving up a goal. Then in the Monday playoffs, they beat the Easton Twisters, 2-0 on the Stadium Field at Agawam High School on second half goals by Meghan Pokorny and Tiffany Manzi. An 8-0 win over Chicopee got them into the final, where they finished the tournament at 6-0. Also in the girls' U-11, the Agawam Unbreakables went 0-4.

The Agawam Lightning, representing the U-12 girls, went 3-0-1 in the preliminaries in a very tough division. They lost in the semi-finals, 5-0 to Simsbury, Connecticut, which was the state finalist and semi-finalist in that division the past two years. On Saturday, they tied the Spirit 1-1. They got some revenge in the consolation round, beating East Longmeadow, 2-0, on a pair of goals by Amanda Janik, for a third place finish. Another Agawam U-12 girls' team went 0-4.

The Agawam Hawks took the town's U-12 hopes into Monday's playoff round by virtue of a 3-0-1 record. They were the only boys' team to play in the finals. They lost, 1-2, to Ludlow in the semis, but came back behind goals from Sam Young and Mike Alfano to take third place with a 2-0 triumph over the Enfield Revolution. Last year, the Hawks won the Tournament's U-11 division. The other U-12 boys' club, the Strikers, lost four games.

The U-13 Agawam Tigers finished up at 0-2-2. And the U-13 Agawam Cougars 0-3-1.

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OPERATING THE FOOD BOOTH during one of the shifts at Agawam High School for the Agawam Soccer Association's Riverside Soccer Classic included, from left - Maria DeCaro, Sharon Rovithis, Steve Rovithis, Betsy DelPeschio, Christine Machos, and Phil Machos. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



RIVERSIDE PARK once again sponsored the Agawam Soccer's Association's Labor Day Weekend Soccer Tournament. Several Riverside and ASA officials gathered for a plaque ceremony on Monday, September 1st. From left - Joann McGeoghan, ASA; Shari Blackman, Riverside Park Public Relations; Dave Boisvert, ASA; Steve Fox, ASA tournament director; Bill Muirhead, Riverside Park general manager; and Ron Severt, Riverside Park marketing director. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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SELLING SOCCER MEMORABILIA at the Agawam Junior High School during the Agawam Soccer Association's Riverside Soccer Classic were, from left - Kathy Keenan and Barbara Barker. **IN PHOTO RIGHT**, Jan Zajdel and Judy McGuire hold the 1997 ASA Riverside Classic tournament shirts that were being sold at Agawam High School. **RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE.** Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

RIVERSIDE SOCCER - from Page 32...

The Agawam Dynamos of the U-13 boys', coached by former Brownie soccer star Jeff Rousseau, went unbeaten at 2-0-2. However, they failed to make the playoffs because of the tie-breaking system.

Rita Scott's Agawam Cosmic Bombers in the U-14 girls' made Monday's dance by virtue of a 3-0-1 slate. But they faced hard times once there, losing 3-0 in the semi-finals to Northampton and 4-2 in the consolation against Gateway. They had been up 2-1 at the half on goals by Brittany Shield and Jillian Lawson, but could not hold onto it in the end.

The Agawam Hurricanes, also in the girls' U-14's, went 1-2-1.

The Agawam Rockets, the lone U-14 boys' team, went 0-4.

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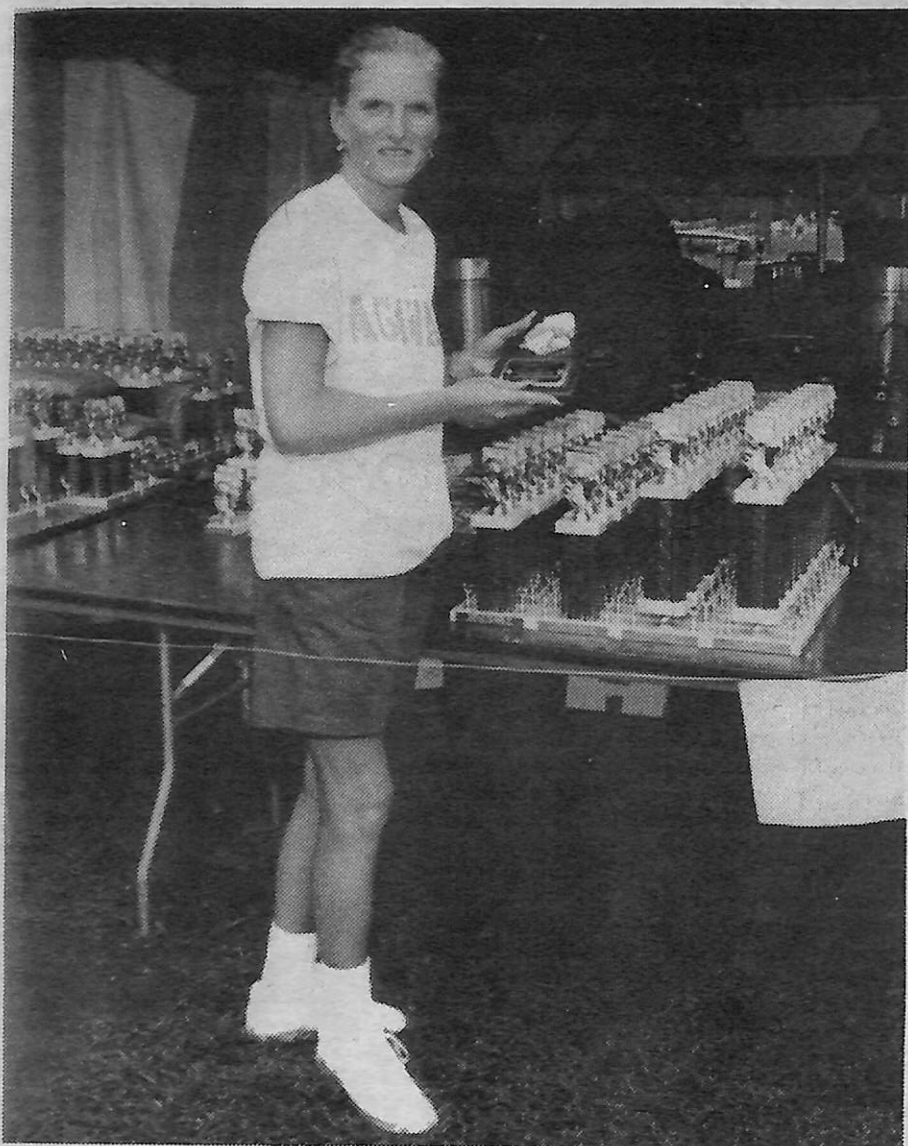


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JOANN MCGEOGHAN displays some of the plaques and trophies presented to winning teams who participated in the Annual Riverside Soccer Classic over Labor Day Weekend, conducted by the Agawam Soccer Association. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Nancy Kelly and Rita Scott were helping out with the concession stand at the Junior High. RELATED PHOTOS AND STORY ON PAGES 32 & 33. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Brownie Field Hockey Coach Hoping 1997 Will Be Settling Experience

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The 1997 Agawam High field hockey team has some big holes to fill as it gets ready for the fall season.

Among them, finding a replacement for outstanding keeper **Andrea Nolan** (graduate), as well as replacing forwards **Annie Bianca**, **Amy Bilodeau**, and **Jill Pavelcsyk** (all graduates).

Second year Coach Carla Lemnah-Warner addressed the goalie situation off the top. "Andrea was one of the best. She'll be missed. But in sophomore **Mary Elizabeth Dupelle**, we'll be seeing her heir apparent in net for us this year. Dupelle is also the girls' lacrosse goalie, so she must have the protective urge that runs in the blood of all the people who guard the gates. She went to the Springfield College field hockey summer camp and did well there," the coach added. "I'm not worried about our goalie situation."

Defenders in front of Dupelle will include junior **Heather Hughes**, who had popped an anterior cruciate ligament in a knee. "Heather is okay now and ready to play," the coach noted.

Another important cog in the defense, according to Lemnah-Warner, will be **Amanda Sternowski**. "Amanda worked very hard this summer in the captain's practices." Seniors **Shauna Hadden**, **Melissa Barry**, and **Kelli Kunkel** (who was one of eight Brownies who attended the Springfield College camp) will also factor heavily into the defensive scheme of things.

Challenges Can Be Surmounted

Midfield and scoring goals will be a challenge that the coach feels can be surmounted. First, she has blue chip offensive weapons in seniors **Steph Fleming** and **Allison Pratt**. Both of them made the Futures List at the Springfield College Camp, which means they are players to watch. After those two, the coach hopes some junior varsity kids can step up and help out.

The team will be fit enough. In their first week, they started running five miles a day.

She also sees a more cohesive team than she

had last season. And they will be helped by the fact that Nolan, who is attending HCC, will be available as the goalie coach. "Having Andrea there for her expertise and positive attitude can only help us," Lemnah-Warner observed.

The coach feels her second season will be a bit

more settled than her first go-round, when the team finished 5-8-5. "I seemed to be always trying to catch up to things because I came to the program late in the summer. Now, I'm on top of everything. I know where we are and what we have to do," she smiled.



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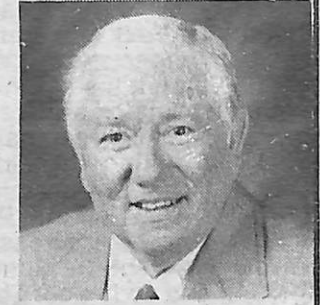
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O'Quinn Leads AHS Into 1997 Boys' Soccer Wars

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Last season was the fourth season Dwight Northrup has been at the helm of the Agawam High boys' varsity soccer team.

Each year, he's had his kids ease ever closer to a playoff berth and then the Western Mass. Division I title. In 1995, they went 8-9-2, losing in the Division I preliminary to Amherst.

Last year, with an 11-4-5 record and for the first time since 1986, they made it to the Western Mass. final, losing to Cathedral (19-0), 4-1.

It's been a slow but steady progression up through the ranks of Western Mass. soccer for the locals. This year, he would like to see that progression continue. The Brownies' strength under the coach's tutelage has always been defense. That defense starts with the goal-tender. He has a blue chipper in All-Western Mass. selection (senior) **Bryan O'Quinn**. Of O'Quinn, the coach says, "His strength is that he has no weaknesses."

O'Quinn had eight shutouts last year. In the off-season, he honed his skills by playing in the Pioneer Valley Adult Summer League. It's a place patrolled by guys who had outstanding high school and college careers, plus some folks still playing at the college level. It is a baptism of fire. O'Quinn showed quite well.

Communication Key To The Defense

"One of our keys on defense is communication. "It all starts with **Bryan** (one of the tri-captains), along with **Jay Hanscom** and **Dave Thomas**. Bryan runs things from back there," Northrup smiled.

They'd better have the lines of communication open, because the Brownies lost 12 seniors to the sheepskin. Four of them were key defenders: **Chris Bitzas**, **Todd Godfrey**, **Mike Forastiere**, and **Tony Alfano**. "We have a solid JV program. So, we think we can replace those four," he observed.

Three returning defenders will be senior **Jack Bisco**, a relentless ball hawk; tough junior **Rich Rodriguez**, a fullback; and junior **Jason Flood**, another fullback and tenacious sweeper. Another defender, junior **Ryan Grealis**, will also help out. All of them showed well in the Summer Pioneer Valley High School Soccer League.

Stopping the ball is one thing, driving it into your opponent's net is another. Northrup thinks he has the horses to get the job done. They start with Hanscom, a senior midfielder. "Jay will be the general when we go on offense," Northrup admitted.

He'll have plenty of help, including Thomas, midfielders **Peter Bitzas**, **Brian Machos**, **Dave Federico**, **Adam Blair**, and **Dan Balbony** (all juniors and all with a wealth of experience).

Hopefully, another rising star, sophomore wing **Barry Ward**, who was injured in the summer league, will be ready for the season.

When Northrup arrived, Agawam High boys' teams were experiencing major difficult time. Gradually, he changed tactics, teaching the kids to work the ball into the enemy zone for close, high percentage shots. "We've become very good at doing that. It's something we teach on the varsity, junior varsity, and freshman levels. JV Coach Glenn Olson and freshman Coach Al O'Quinn do a great job getting the kids familiar and comfortable with that style of play," Northrup noted.

Total Player

One thing he'll stress this year is the total player. "We want the kids to be able to handle any position and do it well. That will give them a well-rounded game and could be a big help if we get thin during the season at any one position."

Also, he is happy to see the kids come as fit as they are. "They are in shape the way they'd be two weeks into the season. It's obvious most of them took our off-season conditioning program very seriously."

The coach feels one important ingredient to the success of the 1997 soccer Brownies will be speed. "We have that and also a good amount of quickness, especially on defense," he said.

It should be another top notch season, according to the coach. "Western Mass. boys' soccer will see a lot of parity. We'll all have to be on our toes every game," he said.

He doesn't like to compare teams. But he admitted this crop of kids is solid, hard-working, and dedicated to getting back to Szot Park (where the championship game is held) for a second straight year.

The Brownies open the season on Friday evening, September 5th, at 7:00 p.m., against visiting Amherst, one of their prime rivals in the Churchill-Moriarty Division.

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Bulked-Up Darrell Malachowski Ready For AHS Football Campaign

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Darrell Malachowski is a tall (6'3"), big (230 pounds), two-sport star (football and wrestling, where he was All-Western Mass. and Western Mass. champion in the 215's) at Agawam High School.

Currently, the senior is getting ready for the 1997 football season. The big redhead has bulked up to 230-pounds, all the better to excel at his position on the defensive line.

"I spent a lot of time at Gold's Gym in West Springfield," he said one day during pre-season practice.

He also spent four days this summer at the Boston College football camp, which included top flight players from all over the country. "I learned some valuable lessons there that will help me in my football career," he noted. That fact can only mean bigger and better things for a kid whose play helped the Brownies win five of their last six games in 1996 to finish at 5-5.

Darrell will turn 18 on November 20th.

He has spent his entire high school career at AHS. His curriculum there will include physics, drafting, and computer courses. His favorite is architectural drafting. He credits his uncle, Scott Sparrow, for getting him interested in it. His two top teachers are Art Gage (physics) and John Magdycz (drafting).

Though it is still a little early, Darrell has some college feelers out. And some schools have feelers out to him. "It will have to be the right program for both education and football," he admitted. Right now, Boston College and UMass interest him. Wherever he goes, he says he'll major in architecture.

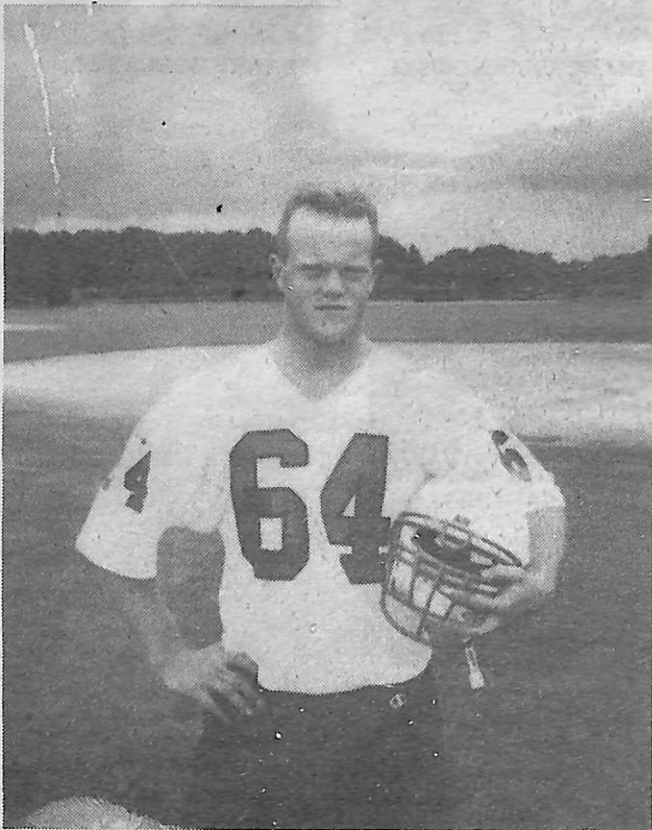
Though he excels in both wrestling and football, he leans towards the pigskin because he is very good and the sport might help defray some of the cost of his tuition.

But his greatest memory in sports, as of now, is his Western Mass. wrestling title. To get it, he had to pin Ludlow's star 215-pounder, Mike Forcum last winter in the Division I Tournament at Amherst High School. It was a comeback, gut-check because Forcum had pinned him earlier in the year at a dual meet at Ludlow High School. Darrell finished second in the state championships.

Another memorable moment, according to Darrell, came last season when he got to play with his good friend, Agawam's All-Western Mass. running back Jeff Blews (1,089 yards, 8 TD's, 48 points; All-Western Mass. in wrestling, 152's).

He talked about this season, which opens at home against Northampton at 7:00 p.m., Friday night, September 12th. "We don't have as many kids out this year. But we'll still do better than people think we'll do. Our defense is very good. We have to work a little on our offense."

His favorite color is black. He has a black '69



AHS SENIOR DARRELL MALACHOWSKI

Camaro with a gray racing stripe. So it should follow that a Camaro is his favorite set of street wheels (which it is).

It might be added that he drives a Toyota Tercel on the weekends at Riverside. "It has four cylinders and four speeds. It's fun. My dad (John Martino) also drives there in the Strictly Stock division," he noted.

His favorite food is fettucini alfredo, with chicken.

The Patriots are his top pro team.

He likes to hang out at Riverside Speedway.

Darrell is cut pretty good, so jeans and a tank top are his favorite threads. He likes anything comfortable for footwear.

Metallica and Van Halen are his favorite rock groups.

Seinfeld is his top tube offering.

"Twister" is his favorite flick.

He looks up to his father, John Martino, and former football and wrestling teammate Jeff Blews.

When he is done at AHS, he wants to be remembered as a person who never accepted defeat and always had the ability to come back from adversity.

Mane-i-acs 4H Club Having Info Meeting For Perspective New Members

The Mane-i-acs 4H Horse Club of Southwick will hold an informational meeting for anyone interested in becoming a member.

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1997 AHS Girls' Soccer Preview...

Brownies Are Primed For Run To Div. I Schoolgirl Tourney In '97

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam High School girls' soccer Coach Mary Murray is entering her 20th year as a varsity coach. "Has it been that long? Wow!" she said after practice the other day.

Seventeen of those years were with the Cathedral Purple Panthers, where she experienced success and esteem in the schoolgirl soccer community (the 1993 state title and three straight Western Mass crowns). The last two years have been spent at the helm of the Agawam High Brownies, where she took over from another local legend, Bill O'Brien.

It's been a frustrating tenure at times for her. In 1995, her Brownies missed the playoffs by one game. Last year, they missed by a single point, coming in with a 7-8-2 record. But Murray, ever the optimist, is ready to get her team into the Division I Tournament this year.

There will be holes to fill, however. A big one will be in the net — a spot held the past few falls by **Melissa Troie**. "We feel we have a good replacement in **Jen Quigley**. She's a veteran senior who worked hard on her skills over the summer," Murray said.

They also lost a tough defensive player in **Carrie Janik**. "Carrie had to mark the best offensive player on the opposition. She did a fine job and we'll miss her," the coach admitted. Another key on last year's "D" is also gone to graduation, **Danielle DiStefano**.

The coach feels the ones stepping in will be ready for the job. They include: seniors **Vanessa Galluzzo**, **Jill DeMarco**, and **Julie Laflamme**, and sophomore **Sherri Benton**. "They will be my core players in front of the net. We don't substitute that much on defense. But the kids we do send in will be solid and ready to play," Murray noted.

She stressed that good communication between the keeper and the people out front is the heart and soul of a solid soccer defense. It's

something they've been working hard on during the pre-season.

Murray will have an aggressive type of defense which moves to the ball rather than waiting until it comes to them. She singled out DeMarco as that type of player. "Jill is a ball hawk with one eye always cast upfield for possible scoring opportunities," she said.

The offense suffered some hits as well. Gone are **Cindy Alfano** and two important all-around substitutes, **Tara Grealis** and **Rita Reshamwala**. "We could plug them in anywhere and they'd get the job done," the coach said.

Murray Is Pleased With The Pre-Season...

She is pleased with what she's been seeing in the pre-season, as far as the offense is concerned. All-State, All-Western Mass, and four-year starter (striker) **Kristen Patterson** is back for her senior year. Last season, she jammed in 11 goals and had five assists, despite being a heavily marked player all year long.

Sophomore **Gina Loudfoot** returns. She was second on the team in scoring with four goals and four assists. "Last year, the defenses were keying on Kristen. We need more balance to keep them honest," Murray observed.

She feels she has players who'll help even out the soccer scales of justice. Seniors **Amy Mastroianni**, **Amber Conte**, and **Aimee Loudfoot** should ease some of the pressure off Patterson. **Heather Arcangeletti** and **Dianna DiStefano** should also make a difference on offense.

And, junior **Barbara Maloni** is also back after a year's absence. Maloni, a wonderful athlete with great speed, could contribute if she displays the same will-to-win qualities she has showcased so many times in basketball and track.

The team is in good condition. "They ran over the summer and many of them participated in the

Summer Soccer League. They look good," Murray smiled.

The approach to this season can best be summed up by something the coach said at the end of last season. "It was a mental thing for us. We had to learn how to keep up our intensity and put two good halves together. We also had to learn how to play well consistently against the poor teams the way we played against the better clubs." She noted that when they did play well, they played as a unit. When frustration got the better of them, they suffered letdowns.

"We have a very good attitude going into this campaign. Our nucleus of 10 seniors has seen to that. I expect the seniors to be the main force on any team I coach. I expect them to take the responsibility of leadership. I've always believed that they'll take you as far as you can go," the coach said. Her captains this season (all seniors) will be Patterson, DeMarco, and Conte.

Two other important factors for making the post-season festivities, according to Murray, will be a lack of injuries and the chemistry of the team on and off the field.

Their first game will be at home on Tuesday, September 9th, at 6:30 p.m. at Harmon Smith Field against St. Mary's of Westfield, a perennial Division III powerhouse. Agawam doesn't usually play Division III clubs, no matter what their reputation might be. Murray explained why they'll meet the Saints. "We can schedule 18 regular season games. I had 17, which would have been okay. But we had an opportunity for one more. St. Mary's had an opening as well, so we made the date. They are always tough against all their opponents, so it should be interesting."



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Slo-Pitch Softball Players Hold Their Year-End Banquet

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Another season has come and gone for the Agawam Women's Slo-Pitch Softball. The end came too soon for some and too late for others. There was frustration and elation. Some games were outstanding. Some should have been outlawed.

All things considered, to take a few notes from Sinatra, "It was a very good year." Most games were played well and umpired professionally. One and all remembered that they weren't playing for a million bucks a year, only for fun, family enjoyment, and a break from what can sometimes be a stressful day-to-day life.

The whole thing got even better on a recent Friday night at the West Springfield Fish and Game in Feeding Hills. (Sounds strange, but that's really where it is.) It was the year-end banquet and the culmination of a summer-long series of life moments everyone involved will never forget.

Nor would one-and-all forget the early munchies. As a matter of fact, many of the league players got there early to enjoy the repast, including Ron Viens' tortellini alfredo, which got rave reviews.

The music was as good as the tortellini. The conversation, with a friendly dig here and there, helped bring a hard-fought season to a jovial end. But the true stars of this evening were the steaks, plus a baked potato and salad, prepared to culinary perfection by Bobbi Lou Forgues with Larry & Linda Wilson as her able assistants. The corn came from "Corn Cooking King" Pete Lockhart. It was hearty fare fit for people who played hard and work hard.

Thanks for other parts of the evening go to Bobbi Lou's daughter, Shannon, also, Dottie Johnson for their clean-up efforts.

Plaques were awarded to the playoff champions. Olive Oil's team members got one with all their names engraved as the overall runner-up to TJ's Sporthouse. Also, competition trophies were awarded to all teams, even if they didn't make the final four. The final four trophies were awarded to TJ's Sporthouse, Cocchi's Marketing, Sanifill, and Olive Oil's.

They held a raffle towards evening's end. The prizes were donated by William's Distributing (Budweiser), United Liquors (Amstel), Green to Checkers Racing Memorabilia, TJ's Sporthouse, Riverside Park, and the League Fund.

One of the top prizes, a six-pound-plus live lobster, was won by someone named "Ann Onymous." Who could that be? All we know is that night, the beast was taken to the Connecticut shore and set free into the dark and briny deep.

The bottom line for the whole night is pretty obvious—friends were with friends. There were no hard feelings or animosity. It was simply good, caring softball players enjoying each other's company. It was the young and young-at-heart sharing a moment in time.

And there was also a smiling gaze to the future. It said without the words, "Let's get together next April and do it all over again."

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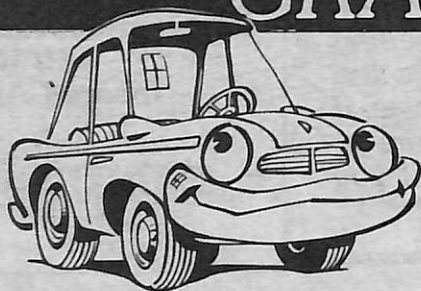


MEMBERS OF THE league champs TJ's Sporthouse hold their championship plaque at the annual banquet for winning the 1997 Agawam Women's Slo-Pitch title.



MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHWORTH TEAM in the Agawam Women's Slo-Pitch Softball League were all smiles at the annual banquet.

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Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

Fall Is Fast Approaching!

You don't need a calendar to know that fall is fast approaching. The leaves are turning yellow, and the aquatic weeds are starting to die off. Hunting season is fast approaching, and the fall migration of stripers and bluefish will begin shortly. So many opportunities — so little time!

Now is not the time to even think about putting away the boat for the season. Northern pike action has been hot at the Oxbow section of the Connecticut River. Keeper-sized pike (28 inches or larger) have been tearing up buzz baits in the deeper water just outside of the shallow weed beds.

White or yellow skirts seem to be working best, with chartreuse and white coming in close behind. The addition of a three-inch white twister tail grub as a trailer seems to help.

Try casting deep into the shallow weeds and screaming the bait over the surface. When the lure has passed over the edge of the weeds and is over deeper water, stop your retrieve momentarily and let the bait fall a couple of feet. Bring the lure back to the top and slow down the retrieve, so that the lure is just barely splashing the surface.

This is an effective tactic and when the lure is momentarily stopped and allowed to drop, look out! This is not the time to be asleep at the switch. When a yard-long pike slams a buzz bait, don't be looking over your shoulder talking to your buddy.

Top water plugs such as the Zara Spook or any other large bait such as Muskie Jitterbugs will also work quite well.

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FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

Congamond Lakes and Hampton Ponds continue to produce bass and a few trout. Kurt at Saunders Marina on Congamond Lakes reported that early morning fishermen were scoring on trout.

Successful fishermen were trolling the deeper water with leadcore and downriggers. Bass fishermen continued to score on plastic worms and jigs. Early morning action seemed to be the best choice, as boat traffic gets quite heavy during the late morning hours.

Lake Buel has been giving up some nice trout. Reports indicate that they are holding in 14 to 18 feet of water.

Connecticut River fishermen are faced with the typical late summer water conditions. Catfish have been fairly consistent, according to successful anglers. Eel heads, shrimp, and dead shiners have been working well.

SALT WATER REPORT

Stripers continue to dominate the scene along the coast. Larger bass have been reported from the outer Cape to Block Island.

Surf fishermen are reporting good action from the Rhode Island beaches and the breechways.

Bluefish action has been centered around some of the ledges between Montauk Point and Block Island. Action at such spots as the Race have been an on and off proposition. Some days are finding spectacular action, and the next day the exact opposite.

Unconfirmed reports of bluefin tuna action off of Fishers Island continue to surface. Yellowfin action has been moderate, with the nighttime chunking trips having mixed results.

Brown sharks have joined the horde of blue sharks in the offshore waters, with an occasional mako thrown in.

Piranhas Swim Team To Hold Sign-Ups On September 17th

The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department has scheduled registration for the Piranhas Swim Team on Wednesday, September 17th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Recreation Office.

Cost is \$50 per swimmer. After September 17th, registration will be held daily from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in the Recreation Office.

Team practice begins on Tuesday, September 30th at the Junior High School pool. Any new swimmer interested in trying the team out is invited to attend open practice on September 23rd, 24th, and 25th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

For more information, call the Recreation Office at 821-0513.

Women's Softball Fall League Is Slated To Begin In September

A women's softball fall league is forming. If there are any teams that are interested, please call Winston Lee at Lee Sports in Springfield, 781-8186, or Linda Wilson at 525-4216, ext. 31 (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; please leave message if no one answers).

The sponsor fee is \$150, which includes the balls.

The softball games for the league will take place on Sundays, starting with a doubleheader on September 7th and running until the end of Oct.

Women's Officials Sought For Basketball

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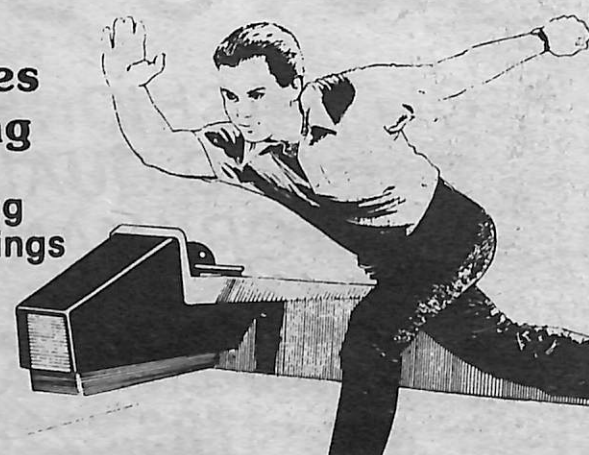
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Riverside Speedway To Debut Super Trucks For 1998 Season

Riverside Park Speedway, one of NASCAR's premier stock car racing facilities in Southern New England, will debut a new Super Truck division in 1998, according to an announcement made by Racing Director Joe Lewandoski.

The creation of the new division, which will replace the current Late Model division, was announced at a pre-race drivers' meeting at the track on Tuesday, August 5th. At the meeting, Lewandoski was joined by Riverside's Chief Steward Dick Brooks, NASCAR's Northeast Regional Director Ron Bennett, Bruce Roll, national sales manager of Speedway Racing Bodies of Buffalo, New York, and Super Truck driver Paul Faleski, who competes at Holland Speedway.

"I am really excited about the addition of a truck series at Riverside Park Speedway," Lewandoski said. "I think the drivers who compete in this new division will be among the most popular competitors at the track next season. The Super Truck drivers should be really anxious for next season to begin because it promises to be one filled with a lot of potential for great success."

Lewandoski said he made the decision to create the new division after thoroughly researching what has been successful at other tracks around the country. "I have talked to other promoters, drivers, and sponsors from around the country about this," he said. "Trucks are extremely popular right now and all projections show they will be for quite some time to come."

Bennett couldn't agree more. "Since the creation of NASCAR's Craftsman Truck Series, we have seen a tremendous growth in the popularity

of truck divisions around the country," he said. "There are tremendous sponsorship opportunities out there for drivers who compete in truck divisions. I am optimistic the same opportunities will be out there for drivers at Riverside Park Speedway."

Roll said those drivers who decide to convert their Late Models to Super Trucks will basically just have to put a fiberglass truck body on their chassis. The engines will remain the same. The conversion will cost less than \$1,000, said Roll, who can be reached by calling 716-893-6471.

Faleski kindly drove his trailer carrying the truck he uses to compete at Holland Speedway to Riverside Park Speedway to show the drivers what a Super Truck looks like. "When Holland first announced it was changing our division to a Super Truck division, I was a little apprehensive as I am sure many of you here are tonight," he said. "But after competing in Holland's truck division for two years now, I can't tell you how happy I am we made the switch. I am finding it easier to attract new sponsors and fans are being drawn to our division like magnets. We're having a great time at Holland."

"I am hoping for the same results at Riverside Park Speedway next season," Lewandoski said. "Car dealerships are especially interested in sponsoring teams in this division. When we're standing here a year from now, I think the drivers who decide to move to this division will be extremely happy they did so. The creation of a Super Truck division will add a whole new level of excitement to the competition at Riverside Park Speedway."

Agawam Parks Dept. Sponsoring Men's Fall Volleyball League

The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department will once again sponsor a Men's Volleyball League this fall. League play is scheduled to begin September 4th, and championships will end November 25th.

All games will be played at Agawam High School. "A" Division will play on Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., and "B" Division will play on Thursday nights from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

The league is open to any adult male 18 years or

older and who is out of high school. The team fee is \$140 made payable to the Town of Agawam.

Registration deadline is August 15th in the Recreation Office. Payment must accompany the roster to secure a spot. Early registration is recommended since there is limited space. Individuals for both levels are encouraged to sign up to be placed on a team.

If you have any questions, please contact the Recreation Office at 786-0400, ext. 456.



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American Motorcycle Assoc. To Visit Riverside Speedway

The roar of racing engines will be heard this Friday night, September 5th, at Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam. The sounds, however, will not be coming from stock cars; instead, they'll be pouring out of the exhaust pipes of motorcycles.

The American Motorcycle Association (AMA) will invade the quarter-mile raceway for a Northeast Pro Flat Track night of championship racing which will carry a purse of \$10,000. Also, part of the program will be a motorcycle demolition derby. The entire show is being sponsored by the law firm of Trantolo & Trantolo, Hartford, CT.

The motorcycle demolition derby is the only one of its kind in the world.

"We're very excited about being the first speedway in New England to host a show of this kind," said Riverside promoter Joe Lewandoski.

A large turnout of motorcycles is expected as the tour makes a stop here before moving on to the New York State Fairgrounds in Syracuse, New York, where they will compete on Sunday, September 7th.

Grandstands will open at 6:00 p.m. on Friday at Riverside (the same time that practice starts). Competition begins at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are priced at \$11.99 for adults, and \$3.99 for children 11 and under. They'll be on sale this Friday at 6:00 p.m. The pit fee will be \$20.

In addition to this motorcycling event on Friday, September 5th, Riverside Park Speedway has other special events planned for the rest of this month:

* **Saturday, September 6th:** A Budweiser four-division special featuring over 16 events. The Modifieds will have a 50-lap race, and the Pro Stocks (40 laps), Late Models (25 laps), and Strictly Stocks (20 laps) will also be on hand. The racing starts at 6:00 p.m.

* **Saturday, September 13th:** The season finale special at Riverside, including Al Hanna's World's Fastest Jet Funny Car and over 30 events (the Modifieds for 50 laps; the Pro Stocks, 40; the Late Models, 25; and the Strictly Stocks, 20). The racing starts at 6:00 p.m.

* **Sunday, September 14th:** Saturn Customer Appreciation Day. (Riverside Park and Speedway will be open only to invited Saturn car owners.)

* **Saturday, September 27th:** A full slate of racing events, including an Enduro, a 60-lap eight-cylinder feature race, a 50-lap four-cylinder feature race, a demolition derby, backward races, a blindfold race, a lady powder puff race, and Benny "The Bomber" (who will blow himself up in a car full of gasoline and dynamite). The racing is set to begin at 6:00 p.m.

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Riverside Speedway's Race Results For Saturday, August 30th

75-LAP MODIFIED FEATURE

1. Reggie Ruggiero
2. Ted Riggott
3. Chris Kopec
4. Tom Jensen
5. Joe Czarnecki
6. Eddy Spiers
7. Richie Gallup
8. Dave Berube
9. Eric LeClair
10. Renee Dupuis
11. Doug Meservey
12. Glenn Griswold
13. Roy Seidell
14. Bill Bolton
15. Marty Leary.
16. Rob Summers
17. Sean Swilpa
18. Brad Hietala
19. Dave Gallo
20. Tim Deroi
21. Brian Schofield
22. Chris Wenzel
23. Ricky Miller
24. Scott Walker
25. Wade Cole
26. Fran Principi

75-LAP PRO STOCK FEATURE

1. Eddy Carroll
2. Jeff Connors
3. Willie Hardie, Jr.
4. Barry Gray
5. John Lobo III
6. Jim Mavlouganes
7. Tom Fearn
8. Sonny Fiega
9. Blaine Belz
10. Todd Owen
11. Patrick Townsend
12. Ron LaPerche
13. Bennett Fuller
14. Fred Guilefuss, Jr.
15. Bob Bolton
16. Jim Banfield
17. Jeff Horn
18. Les Hinkley III
19. Gary Fioramanti
20. Rick Turcotte
21. Jay Miller
22. Tim Strojny
23. Rich Vasseur

50-LAP STRICTLY STOCK FEATURE

1. Ed Charette
2. Patrick Kretschman
3. Kris Valerio
4. Mike Salmond
5. George Colton
6. Dennis Charette
7. Scott Ciak
8. Glen Reilly
9. Scott Neleber
10. Mark Anderson
11. Park Mercadante
12. Joe Kokoszka
13. Fred Berger
14. Wayne Lacey
15. Rosi Hall
16. Brian Huard
17. Mark Palmisano
18. Mike Chaves
19. Beau LeBeau
20. Bob Bahre
21. Mike Kowalski
22. Tony Keilty
23. Bill Cote
24. Bill Reiman
25. Keith Scalia
26. Rick Leavitt

30-LAP LATE MODEL FEATURE

1. Ken Marques
2. Wayne Coury
3. Tom Dileo
4. E.J. Legacy
5. Bobby Ermark
6. Skip Breunig
7. Keith Minchella
8. Ted Chalmers
9. Chuck Docherty
10. P.J. Pelc
11. Roy Houle
12. Ernie Tarca
13. Richie Finch
14. Brian Merchant
15. Brian Locke
16. Joe Arena
17. Roger Voisine
18. Keith Miller
19. Rob Valerio
20. Jimmy Roule

Riverside Speedway Point Standings

MODIFIEDS

Ted Riggott (1997 Champion)	936
Tom Jensen	832
Richie Gallup	828
Renee Dupuis	816
Dave Berube	812
Eddy Spiers	736
Rob Summers	656
Joe Czarnecki	630
Eric LeClair	612
Chris Wenzel	608

PRO STOCKS

Eddy Carroll	934
Barry Gray	918
Jeff Connors	854
Jim Mavlouganes	792
John Lobo	782
Jeff Horn	762
Willie Hardie	754
Patrick Townsend	698
Tom Fearn	698
Jim Banfield	664

LATE MODELS

Wayne Coury	892
Ted Chalmers	886
Chuck Docherty	862
Bobby Ermark	852
Ken Marques	826
E.J. Legacy	820
Skip Breunig	808
Tom Dileo	778
Ernie Tarca	774
Roy Houle	748

STRICTLY STOCKS

Mike Salmond	876
Kris Valerio	820
Patrick Kretschman	764
Joe Kokoszka	754
Ed Charette	752
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Both Men's and Women's Top Gun Division team winners will advance to regional competition, with the opportunity to again advance to the World Finals and appear in a November NBC Sports event special.

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In addition to the 60 basketball courts dedicated to tournament play, the event will also feature various "off the court" special events for all ages. Events include the ever-popular NIKE 10-foot Slam Jam Contest (12:00 noon, Saturday), as well as the new Oreo Kids' Slam Dunk, Gatorade 9' Dunk & Gatorade 8' Women's Dunk, Marine Corps "Hoop Camp," and Baby Ruth's "TurboHoops."

Tournament registration deadline is September 19th, and entry forms are available at all area Foot Locker locations, or via the Hoop-It-Up® hotline, at (888) 313-PLAY.

The entry fee of \$92 per team (or \$104 Top Gun division) guarantees each team at least three scheduled games. Spectator admission is free, and the hoops action takes place from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

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Boys 11 to 14 years of age will try out on Saturday, September 6th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and on Sunday, September 7th, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Boys 15 to 17 years of age will try out on Saturday, September 6th, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and on Sunday, September 7th, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Players should attend both days. Furthermore, there will be no spring 1998 tryout, so this weekend will be your only opportunity.

Bring \$25 for the entry fee and your birth certificate. Use your age as of September 1, 1998 to determine your AAU age group.

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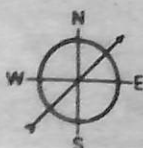
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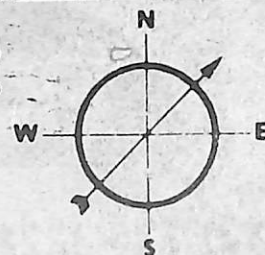
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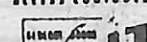
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